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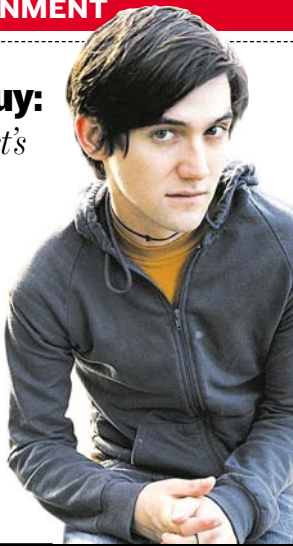
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Portrait of a Killer



Senior at Va. Tech ID'd as gunman in rampage

BLACKSBURG, VA. | The gunman in the Virginia Tech massacre was a sullen loner who alarmed professors and classmates with his twisted, blood-drenched creative writing and left a rambling note in his dorm room raging against women and rich kids.

A chilling picture emerged Tuesday of Cho Seung-Hui, 23, a day after the blood-bath that left 33 people dead, including Cho, who killed himself.

News reports said that he may have been taking medication for depression and that he was becoming increasingly violent and erratic. Professor Carolyn Rude, chairwoman of the university's English department, said his writing was so disturbing that he had been referred to the school's counseling service.

Despite many warning signs that came to light in the bloody aftermath, police and university officials offered no clues as to exactly what set Cho, a senior, off on the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history. "He was a loner, and we're having difficulty finding information about him," school spokesman Larry Hincker said.

The Chicago Tribune reported that the note railed against "rich kids," "debauchery" and "deceitful charlatans" on campus. ABC, citing law enforcement sources, said the note, several pages long, explains Cho's actions and says, "You caused me to do this." (AP)



CHO SEUNG-HUI

- Arrived in the U.S. from South Korea in 1992.
- Grew up in suburban D.C., where his parents were dry cleaners.
- Majored in English at Va. Tech, where his writing drew concerns.

A Day of Mourning at Va. Tech

SOLIDARITY: Students embrace during a memorial at Lane Stadium on the campus of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va., on Tuesday. Thousands of students attended the service for the 32 people killed by gunman Cho Seung-Hui. Many students were weighing whether to stay on campus following the worst mass shooting in U.S. history. ❖ **Comfort:** Bush offers prayers, condolences | Page 3

SEX **To the Principal's Office** A suburban Chicago elementary school principal apologized for a graphic sex video that was surreptitiously filmed in his office. Sandridge Elementary School Principal Leroy Coleman resigned last week after cop-



ies of the of 2.5-hour DVD — which included footage of sexual acts inside an office — showed up in some parents' mailboxes. A teacher and an aide who allegedly appeared in the video also resigned last week. (AP) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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OUTNUMBERED

Cats Are for Pets, Not Home Defense

A Florida man who kept hundreds of cats at a house that was full of animal waste was charged with animal cruelty. The floor of Jonathan Terpstra's home was covered with a layer of animal feces between 2 and 3 inches deep, authorities said. As many as 300 cats were found, the Ocala (Fla.) Star-Banner reported in its Tuesday editions. Terpstra, 61, was charged on Friday with 55 counts of animal cruelty, two counts of tampering with evidence and one count of resisting without violence. (AP)

ROAD TRIP

We Hope They Tipped

A retired New York couple who hailed a taxi for their 2,500-mile move to northern Arizona arrived with their two cats at their destination on Monday. Neither Betty nor Bob Matas drive, and they wanted to spare their cats, Pretty Face and Cleopatra, a trip on an airplane to their retirement home about 90 miles north of Phoenix. They left the Queens neighborhood April 10 in Douglas Guldin's canary-colored Ford SUV cab and traveled about 10 hours a day for a \$3,000 flat rate plus gas, meals and lodging. The SUV is a hybrid-electric vehicle, which helped lessen the cost of fuel. (AP)



RAVENDRAN/AP/GETTY IMAGES

RELIGION

One Very Tall God

A New Delhi Metro train on Tuesday passes by a new temple dedicated to — and made to look like — Lord Hanuman, the monkey god of Hindu mythology. The temple stands 108 feet tall and is the city's tallest Hanuman idol. Construction began on the project more than 12 years ago, meaning workers averaged about nine feet per year. Guests can visit the place of worship through an entrance shaped like the mouth of a monkey. (EXPRESS)

NAP TIME

Sleep on the Plane!

Passengers aboard a British Airways flight from New Delhi to London endured a 13-hour delay because the

pilot said he was too sleepy to fly after a noisy night in a hotel, the Hindustan Times reported Monday. Enraged travelers were off-loaded from the plane early Sunday after the pilot refused to fly until he caught some shut-eye. "The

crew hadn't had enough rest. ... The entire crew had a disturbed night," said British Airways representative Radhika Raikhy, noting that the airline's safety rules do not allow its crew to operate in such conditions. (EXPRESS)



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"I think we ought to be thinking about the families and the victims and not speculate about future legislative battles."

—Sen. Harry Reid, who cautioned against a "rush to judgment" on gun control

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In Brief



DON PETERSEN/AP

Cho Seung-Hui purchased a Glock 19 handgun, like the one above, for \$571.

RICHMOND, VA.

Handgun of Virginia Tech Shooter Traced to Roanoke

The alleged Virginia Tech gunman, Cho Seung-Hui, walked into a Roanoke, Va., gun shop five weeks ago, put down a credit card and walked out with a Glock 19 handgun and a box of ammunition. He paid \$571 for the weapon.

Roanoke Firearms owner John Markell said his shop sold the Glock to Cho in March.

"To find out the gun came from my shop is just terrible," Markell said. (AP)

TRENTON, N.J.

SUV Carrying Gov. Corzine Was Traveling at 91 mph

The sport utility vehicle carrying New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine was traveling about 91 mph moments before it crashed, the superintendent of state police said Tuesday. The governor remained in critical but stable condition Tuesday and doctors were assessing when he might be ready to breathe without a ventilator. (AP)

Bush Speaks to Mourning Campus

President meets with victims' families, says the nation is praying

BLACKSBURG, VA. | Representing America's anguish, President Bush told Virginia Tech students and teachers at a somber convocation Tuesday that the nation was praying for them and "there's a power in these prayers."

"It's impossible to make sense of such violence and suffering," Bush said at a memorial service on the



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campus where 33 people, including the suspected gunman, died in shootings the day before.

Speaking to a solemn crowd at a basketball arena packed with students and others, many wearing orange short-sleeved Virginia Tech T-shirts, the president quoted a recent graduate who blogged about the killings, encouraging those who are grieving

to reach out for help.

"To all of you who are OK, I'm happy for that," Bush said, quoting the Internet posting. "For those of you who are in pain or who have lost someone close to you, I'm sure you can call on any one of us and have help anytime you need it."

The memorial service was subdued, but ended with a spontaneous school chant of "Let's go, Hokies!" the university mascot. The president met with a wounded student and 50 relatives of the victims, hugging them and telling them to take

comfort from one another.

Before flying to the tragedy-stricken university in southwestern Virginia, Bush ordered flags flown at half-staff and issued a written proclamation in honor of those killed and wounded.

"On this terrible day of mourning, it's hard to imagine a time will come when life at Virginia Tech will return to normal, but such a day will come," Bush said. "And when it does, you will always remember the friends and teachers who were lost yesterday." (AP)

Va. Tech Students Gather Online to Share Grief

Outpouring of Web postings reflect a community's pain

CHICAGO | Horrible, real-world happenings are unfolding almost simultaneously in the virtual world, as Virginia Tech students and people from all over the world gather online to grieve and vent.

Almost immediately after Monday's deadly shootings, Virginia Tech students created an "I'm OK" page on Facebook to let one another and their loved ones know that they survived.

Since Monday, there has been a nonstop flood of postings on the popular Facebook student site, on MySpace and LiveJournal, and on blogs — expressing everything from



AMY SANCETTA/AP

Mourning students embrace during an emotional memorial service on Tuesday at Lane Stadium on the campus of Virginia Tech University in Blacksburg, Va.

grief to anger to confusion.

Jesse Connolly, a 21-year-old from Lynn, Mass., made posted Tuesday on the MySpace page of Ross Alameddine, one of the students who died.

"If only you were here to read this Ross. ... You'd know what an imaginative, intelligent, compassionate and most of all hysterically funny human being you were, and how appreciative I am to have spent last

The Painful Quiet

→ The most common scene of on campus Tuesday morning was of students rolling suitcases along empty paths that are supposed to be crowded. | **Today's AI**

IN The Washington Post

summer working with such a great kid," Connolly wrote.

TechSideline.com, a site for Virginia Tech sports fans, also quickly morphed into a meeting place where students, family and friends could communicate.

And as a show of support, many students, including scores from other colleges, replaced their Facebook profile photos with a Virginia Tech logo shrouded in a black ribbon. (AP)

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Professor Saved Students

Holocaust survivor killed while blocking classroom doorway

JERUSALEM | A 76-year-old lecturer shot to death trying to save his students from the Virginia Tech assailant was a Holocaust survivor who later escaped to Israel from communist Romania, his son said Tuesday.

Relatives said Liviu Librescu, an internationally respected aeronautics engineer and a lecturer at the school for 20 years, saved the lives of several students by barricading his classroom door before he was gunned down in Monday's massacre, which coincided with Israel's Holocaust remembrance day.

Librescu's students sent e-mails recounting the last moments of their teacher's life to his wife, Marlena, his son, Joe, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

"My father blocked the doorway



Liviu Librescu, who escaped to Israel from Romania, was killed on Monday.

with his body and asked the students to flee," Joe Librescu said in a telephone interview from his home outside of Tel Aviv. "Students started opening windows and jumping out."

Librescu had known hardship

since childhood.

When Romania joined forces with Nazi Germany in World War II, he was first interned in a labor camp in Transnistria and then was deported along with his family and thousands of other Jews to a central ghetto in the city of Focsani, his son said.

Librescu, who moved to Israel in 1978, came to Virginia in 1985 for a sabbatical year, but eventually made the move permanent, said Joe Librescu, who himself studied at Virginia Tech from 1989 to 1994.

At Virginia Tech, where Librescu received an honorary degree in 2000, his picture was placed on a table, a candle was lit, and people laid flowers nearby.

Professor Nicolae Serban Tomescu described Librescu as "strong and dignified."

"He had a huge affection for his students, and he sacrificed his life for them," Tomescu said.

MATTI FRIEDMAN (AP)

Threats Shake Up School Campuses

Institutions across the country on high alert after Va. Tech tragedy

AUSTIN, TEXAS | Campus threats forced lockdowns and evacuations at universities in Texas, Oklahoma and Tennessee and two public schools in Louisiana on Tuesday, a day after a Virginia Tech student killed 32 people and himself.

In Louisiana, parents picked up hundreds of students from Bogalusa's high school and middle school amid reports that a man had been arrested Tuesday morning for threatening a mass killing in a note that alluded to the murders at Virginia Tech.

"The note referred to what happened at Virginia Tech," said superintendent Jerry Payne. "It said something like, 'If you think that was bad, then you haven't seen anything yet.'"

In Austin, authorities evacuated buildings at St. Edward's University after a threatening note was found, a school official said.



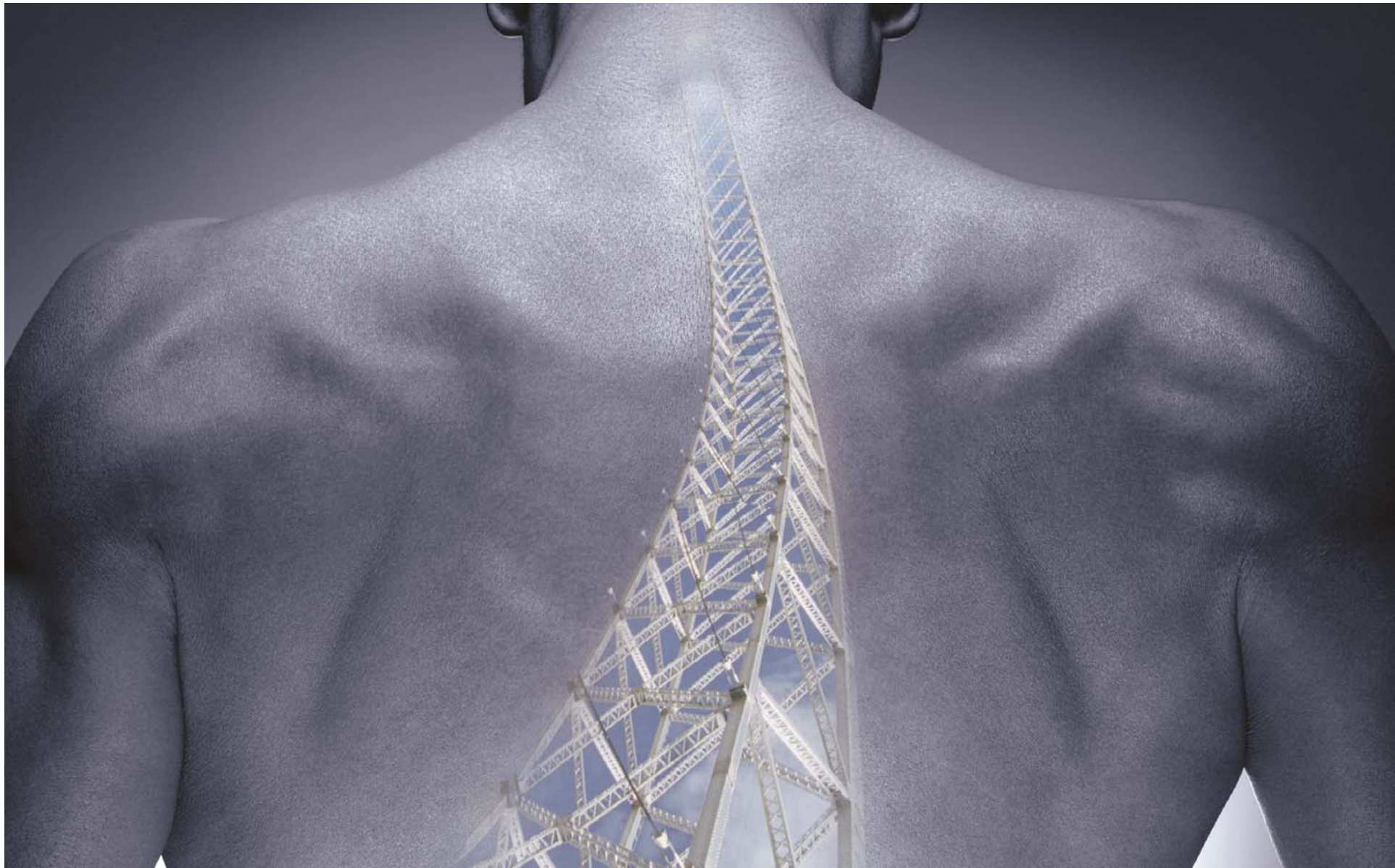
Chattanooga police officers Tommy Meeks, left, and Steven Brown walk an explosive detection canine around the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga's campus.

At the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, officials ordered three campus administration buildings evacuated for almost two hours Tuesday morning in response to a telephone bomb threat.

School spokesman Chuck Cantrell said there was no reason to believe the bogus threat was

related to the shootings at Virginia Tech, but "we just chose to err on the side of caution today."

At the University of Oklahoma, a man was reported on campus carrying a suspicious object, officials said. The man was carrying an umbrella, not a weapon, and was released. (AP)



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World

New Appeal on Iraqi Refugee Crisis

Iraq's neighbors urged to leave door open to those fleeing violence

GENEVA | Top United Nations officials urged Iraq's neighbors Tuesday to leave the door open to Iraqis fleeing the country by the tens of thousands each month, but said other countries also need to help.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon joined in the call for a global solution, saying other countries need to alleviate a mounting humanitarian crisis in the Middle East by offering a new home to at least some of the Iraqis seeking to escape the country's sectarian violence.

"All of us must recognize that this situation is a global responsibility with international repercussions," Ban said by video to a gathering of officials from 60 countries trying to address the plight of Iraqi who have fled to Jordan, Syria and other countries in the region.

Exact figures on Iraqi refugees are hard to obtain, but the U.N. refugee agency estimates about



Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebar attends the refugee conference in Geneva.

2 million have gone to neighboring countries, including many uprooted before the U.S.-led invasion in 2003. In addition, some 1.9 million Iraqis have been displaced within the country, according to the agency.

Most refugees have stayed in neighboring Syria and Jordan, placing a strain on both countries by driving up prices of housing and goods, and stretching health care and other basic services. About 750,000 Iraqis have ballooned

ELSEWHERE IN IRAQ

→ **Police in Ramadi** uncovered 17 decomposing corpses buried beneath two schoolyards in a district that until recently was under the control of al-Qaeda fighters. At least 85 people were killed or found dead across the country Tuesday.

→ Ramadi had been a stronghold of Sunni insurgents and al-Qaeda fighters until U.S. forces in the region and the Iraqi government successfully negotiated with many local tribal leaders to split off from the more militant insurgent groups. (AP)

Jordan's 5.5 million population by 14 percent and more than 1.2 million have fled to Syria. Egypt has 120,000 and Lebanon is home to at least 20,000 Iraqi refugees.

Washington has said it will allow about 7,000 Iraqis into the U.S. this year — up from 202 in 2006 — and will pay more to help Iraq's neighbors cope with the surge of refugees. ELIANE ENGELER (AP)



Nagasaki Mayor Iccho Ito receives first aid after the shooting on Tuesday.

Nagasaki Mayor Shot To Death

Organized crime chief reportedly carries out killing over car damage

TOKYO | The mayor of the Japanese city of Nagasaki was shot to death in a brazen attack Tuesday by an organized crime chief apparently enraged that the city refused to compensate him after his car was damaged at a public works construction site, police said.

The shooting was rare in a country where handguns are strictly banned and only five politicians are known to have been killed since World War II.

Mayor Iccho Ito, 61, was shot twice in the back at point-blank range outside a train station Tuesday evening, Nagasaki police official Rumi Tsujimoto said. Ito died after emergency surgery, said Nagasaki prefectural police official Hirofumi Ito.

Tetsuya Shiroo, a senior member of Yamaguchi-gumi, Japan's largest organized crime syndicate, was wrestled to the ground by officers after the attack and arrested, police said. He later admitted to shooting Ito with a handgun with the intent to kill, Nagasaki chief investigator Kazuki Umebayashi said.

It was the second attack in the last 20 years against a mayor of Nagasaki, which was destroyed by a U.S. atomic bomb in the closing days of World War II in 1945 and whose leaders have actively campaigned against militarism. (AP)

Kremlin: Police Overreacted Amid Political Protests

MOSCOW | Dmitry Peskov, a spokesman for President Vladimir Putin, said Tuesday that some police officers overreacted during weekend opposition demonstrations, in which some participants were beat by club-wielding officers and hundreds were detained.

The harsh response to so-called "Dissenters' Marches" in Moscow and St. Petersburg drew wide criticism from human rights groups and reinforced opposition contentions that Russia under Putin is strangling democracy ahead of parliamentary and presidential elections that take place within the next year.

Thousands of police and interior ministry troops were on duty for the rallies, far outnumbering the protesters, who numbered only a couple of thousand in each city. (AP)

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'Only the Names Change'

Editorials around the world on VT killings lash U.S. gun control

LONDON | The Virginia Tech shootings sparked criticism of U.S. gun control laws around the world Tuesday. Editorials lashed out at the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia — one of America's closest allies — declared that America's gun culture was costing lives.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the government hoped Monday's shootings, allegedly carried out by a 23-year-old South Korean native, would not "stir up racial prejudice or confrontation."

While some focused blame only on the gunman, world opinion over U.S. gun laws was almost unanimous: Access to weapons increases the probability of shootings. There was no sympathy for the view that more guns would have saved lives by enabling students to shoot the assailant.

"We took action to limit the availability of guns, and we showed a national resolve that the gun culture that is such a negative in the United States would never become a negative in our country," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who staked his political career on promoting tough gun laws after a gunman went on one of the world's deadliest killing sprees in a Tasmanian resort 11 years ago.

Handguns are also banned in Britain — a prohibition that forces even the country's Olympic pistol shooting team from practicing on its own soil. In Sweden, civilians can acquire firearm permits only if they have a hunting license or are



British newspapers devoted their front pages to the Virginia Tech massacre Tuesday.

Violence in World View

→ Officials, newspapers and citizens around the globe described the Virginia Tech student massacre as the symptom of an America that fosters violence at home and abroad. | Today, AI

IN The Washington Post

members of a shooting club and have no criminal record. In Italy, people must have a valid reason for wanting one. Firearms are forbidden for private Chinese citizens.

Still, leaders from Britain, Germany, Mexico, China, Afghanistan and France stopped short of criticizing President Bush or U.S. gun laws when they offered sympathies to the

families of Monday's victims.

Editorials were less diplomatic.

"Only the names change — And the numbers," read a headline in the Times of London.

The French daily Le Monde said the regularity of mass shootings across the Atlantic was a blotch on America's image.

"It would be unjust and especially false to reduce the United States to the image created, in a recurrent way, from the bursts of murderous fury that some isolated individuals succumb to. But acts like this are rare elsewhere, and tend to often disfigure the 'American dream.'"

PAISLEY DODDS (AP)

Attackers in Nigeria Kill 12 Police

KANO, NIGERIA | Gunmen attacked a police station on Tuesday in northern Nigeria, killing 12 officers and torching the building despite attempts to increase security for weekend presidential elections meant to cement civilian rule.

Nigeria's electoral commission said it would comply with a

Supreme Court ruling that Vice President Atiku Abubakar, who fell out with the president and his powerful party, rejoin the race ahead of Saturday's election.

The last-minute change added uncertainty to a race already marked by violence and fraud charges, but an election commis-

sion spokesman insisted the vote would go ahead as planned — with Abubakar on the ballot.

In the northern city of Kano, which has been swept by riots in past years and is under a nighttime curfew after unrest in recent days, gunmen killed 12 policemen and the wife of an officer, said the regional police spokesman, Baba Mohammed. (AP)



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IN THE LINE OF FIRE: Two Secret Service agents were injured in an accidental shooting at the White House Tuesday. The incident occurred in a security booth at the southwest gate. However, the injuries appeared to be non-life-threatening.

Local

Pentagon Announces New Plans

Walter Reed systems to be overhauled and upgraded for soldiers

WASHINGTON | Under criticism for poor treatment of injured soldiers, the Pentagon announced new measures Tuesday to provide more health screenings, improve its record-keeping system and simplify an unwieldy disability claims system.

Testifying before a House panel, Michael Dominguez, principal deputy undersecretary of defense, and Major Gen. Gale Pollock, the Army's acting surgeon general, acknowledged a need for major changes.

The new initiatives come following a blistering report last week by an independent review group co-chaired by former Army Secretaries John O. "Jack" Marsh and Togo D. West that found money woes and Pentagon neglect were to blame for many of the problems at Walter Reed.

Concluding that Pentagon officials should have known about problems but chose to ignore them, the panel ordered by Defense Secretary Robert Gates called for an infusion of funds, a new "center of excellence" for brain injury cases as well as an overhaul of the disability claims system, which critics say shortchanges injured soldiers. (AP)

Developer Sentenced to Probation

Douglas Jemal avoids jail time, federal judge cites good deeds done

Downtown Washington developer Douglas Jemal was sentenced to probation today after a federal judge said Jemal's generosity and good works for the community outweighed any damage he had done.

U.S. District Judge Ricardo M. Urbina said it was "inconceivable" to him that he could send Jemal to prison for a felony wire fraud conviction after the judge had sentenced repeat drug offenders to probation for their help in convicting their colleagues.

Prosecutors had asked that Jemal, who was acquitted on six of seven felony counts in October, serve four years in prison, declar-

ing that the defendant was arrogant and unrepentant.

Since his conviction for defrauding a lender to get \$430,000, the government said, Jemal has shown no remorse and shrugged off his guilty verdict, which came after a three-year criminal prosecution, as a "splinter" in his foot.

Jemal's attorneys portrayed their client in court papers as a devoted family man, a real estate genius

who has often sacrificed profits to nurture the revitalization of his adopted city and a charitable figure hounded by prosecutors.

Prosecutors maintained that Jemal succeeded in speculative real estate in Washington in part by stalling payment on his debts, exploiting small contractors and treating "ordinary" rules and laws as beneath him.

CAROL D. LOENNIG (THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN The Washington Post | A HOUSE AWAY, A WORLD APART



NEIGHBORHOOD REFLECTIONS: Linda Liba and her 11-month-old son Vielma look across the street at the family house of Virginia Tech shooter Cho Seung Hui in Centreville, Va. Liba referred to Cho's parents as "very good people."

❖ **Marc Fisher:** Media from the U.S. and abroad descend upon quaint development looking for answers. | Today's Post, Metro

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Money

British Pound Breaks \$2

U.K. currency hasn't been as strong against the dollar since '92

LONDON | The last time the British pound was worth more than \$2, the elder George Bush was waging a losing U.S. presidential campaign against Bill Clinton and the Euro-tunnel linking Britain to Europe was still under construction.

It took almost 15 years for the pound to again touch \$2, the level it breached Tuesday after figures showing an unexpected surge in inflation led economists to conclude that multiple interest-rate increases were likely. The prospect of higher rates can boost a currency by promising bigger returns on certain investments denominated in it.

While the currency has been flirting with the \$2 level for several months, hitting it marks a key psychological notch in trading that



British currency has been close to surpassing the \$2 level for several months.

analysts expect to hold.

The pound reached a high of \$2.0074 before dropping back to \$2.0040 in afternoon European trading, up from \$1.9900 late

Monday in New York.

The last time the currency traded above \$2 — on Sept. 16, 1992 — marked the end of Britain's membership in the European Exchange Rate mechanism, which pegged the pound to the currencies of other EU members.

"We believe that sterling could well remain above \$2 for an extended period," said Howard Archer, chief economist at Global Insight.

Tourism operators expect the new round figure to jog interest in bookings to the U.S., with shopping breaks in New York proving popular last time the pound threatened \$2 in November.

Conversely, Britain will become more expensive for U.S. tourists — but economists noted that the euro is also strong against the dollar and local travel agencies do not expect to see a large drop in visitors, given that the currency has been hovering near \$2 for several months.

JANE WARDELL (AP)

Tax Extension for VT Community

WASHINGTON | Those affected by the Virginia Tech shootings will get an extra six months to file and pay their federal taxes, the Internal Revenue Service said Tuesday.

The IRS said the extension until

Oct. 15 applies to victims, their families, emergency responders and university students and employees.

"Taxes are the last thing the Virginia Tech family should be worried about at this time," IRS

Commissioner Mark Everson said in a statement.

Midnight Tuesday was the deadline for most taxpayers to file their taxes for 2006.

Taxpayers seeking the extension should call the IRS at 1-866-562-5227, the tax agency said. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
NL Inds	13.52	+1.40	+11.6
TechOlyUS	4.40	+0.39	+9.7
ComceGp s	34.01	+2.75	+8.8
CallGolf	18.40	+1.38	+8.1
ChiYuch	9.21	+0.66	+7.7

Losers

FairIsaac	37.08	-3.47	-8.6
Fremont If	8.23	-.65	-7.3
Sirva If	3.13	-.22	-6.6
McMoRn	14.20	-.98	-6.5
Keycorp	36.36	-2.22	-5.8

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
InsWeb	7.23	+3.92	+118.4
Point.360	5.42	+1.73	+46.9
Terabeam	2.93	+.55	+23.1
Novacea n	8.02	+1.32	+19.7
Iomai	4.82	-.06	-1.2

Losers

Netlist n	4.29	-1.68	-28.1
JonesSoda	27.54	-4.00	-12.7
24/7RealM	8.44	-1.05	-11.1
Antigncs	3.96	-.47	-10.6
CdnSolar n	12.10	-1.40	-10.4

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25
Fed Funds close	5.25	5.22
3-month disc	4.87	4.89
2-year	4.66	4.68
10-year	4.68	4.72
30-year	4.84	4.90

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	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4984	.5025	.5652
Canadian Dollar	1.1299	1.1312	1.1459
European Euro	.7372	.7381	.8158
Japanese Yen	118.95	119.79	117.76
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Comcast s	28.00	+.11	-.8
Comc sp s	27.57	+.12	-1.3
DirectTV	24.14	+.17	-3.2
Disney	35.15	+.13	+2.6
EchoStar	47.05	+.14	+23.7
McGrwH	64.05	+1.79	-5.8
NewsCpA	23.69	-.05	+10.3
NewsCpB	25.25	-.02	+13.4
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Sports

Beamer: Football Takes a Backseat

Hokies coach cancels Saturday's spring game following shootings

HOKIES SPORTS | Frank Beamer grew up about an hour from Blacksburg, played football for Virginia Tech and has become the very familiar face of the university as the man who built the Hokies into one of the nation's elite football programs.

But on Monday, Beamer was like so many others — glued to the television and watching as the details

of mass murder on the campus he loves slowly dribbled out.

On Tuesday, he canceled his team's last three spring practices and Saturday's spring game, which is always a big draw at Lane Stadium. None of his players was hurt in the shooting spree that left 33 dead, including the gunman.

"There's things more important than football right now," he said after attending a somber convocation. "There's a lot of grieving families here, and there's going to be a lot of grieving families here



Football coach Frank Beamer canceled three practices and the spring game.

Saturday. I just thought it was the right thing to do."

The school also postponed a baseball game against William & Mary that was to have been played Wednesday. Five spring sports teams will participate in ACC championships as scheduled, the school said.

Beamer was in his office when news of the shootings broke, and when he was cleared to leave at about noon, there was no way to avoid watching. He said he tried to work out when he got home, but the phone kept ringing, so finally

he just watched.

"The most amazing thing is you know what this place is like," he said in his spacious football office. "And all of a sudden you have a massacre."

He said he imagines the school's reputation will take a beating in the coming days as the nation remains gripped by the details of the murders, but that he expects the best of Virginia Tech will come forth, as well.

"If I know anything about Hokies, and I think I do, I think what's going to happen is we're going to become closer, show even more respect for each other," he said. "We're going to be even more proud and it's going to draw us closer together." **HANK KURZ JR. (AP)**

West Will Leave the Grizzlies

General manager says he's too old and weary of turmoil in Memphis

BASKETBALL | Jerry West will leave as the Memphis Grizzlies' director of basketball operations July 1, saying he's "not a youngster" and weary of the turmoil surrounding the team.

West, who turns 69 in May, had been under contract only through this season and said Tuesday many factors played into his decision.

"I'm not a youngster anymore," said West, who disclosed his plans during an end-of-season meeting with reporters.

"I think the wear and tear of the season, particularly like this [has been tough]. There's been a lot of turmoil here. The ownership thing have made it very difficult to concentrate on what we need to do here to improve our basketball team."

The Grizzlies (21-60) have the worst record in the league, and their troubles on the court have been compounded by the possible sale of the club. **(AP)**



West



GROUNDING: Jeff Green, Big East player of the year, has declared for the NBA draft, but he said on Tuesday that there is a 70 percent chance that he will return to Georgetown.

Green Says He May Return to Hoyas

Forward says there's a 70 percent chance; Hibbert says its 50-50

Hoyas Hoops | Big East Player of the Year Jeff Green said Tuesday there is a "70-30" chance he will return to Georgetown for his senior season.

Green and fellow junior Roy Hibbert submitted their names as early entry candidates for the NBA draft last week. Neither has hired an agent, so both could return to fulfill their oft-stated goal of playing four years with the Hoyas.

"Right now, 70-30 — 70 coming back," Green said. "It depends on whether I'm ready. I still have a lot of things I need to work on to play at that level."

Both players are potential lottery picks, and both said they want to get a gauge of what their NBA value is now and what it might be if they stay in school another year.

"Do I want to go eight-through-14, or do I want to go top three next year?" Hibbert said. "That does play a factor in my decision."

Hibbert put his odds of returning at 50-50, even though he said Green is the more NBA-ready

player. Should both return, coach John Thompson III's team could be a favorite to win the NCAA title next season. The Hoyas made the Final Four this year before losing to Ohio State in the national semifinals.

"I wouldn't want to be at the end of a bench on an NBA team, not being able to develop and show what I can do, so another year here would be great, obviously," Hibbert said. "But I'm just going to see if Coach thinks I'm ready. I would love to come back and get a national championship banner in here. We were close this year, but next year could be great."

Green and Hibbert have until

June 18 to withdraw their names if they want to return to Georgetown. The draft is June 28.

Green, while saying his decision could go either way, said it won't necessarily be swayed by the chance to make his millions a year earlier. Told that many people wouldn't be able to resist such a temptation, he said: "I'm different from those people."

"School is only going to be here four years," Green said. "The NBA will be there forever. ... Either way, I'm going to come back and get my degree." **JOSEPH WHITE (AP)**



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The number of games won by the St. Louis men's basketball team, the first time the school has reached the mark since 1998. St. Louis fired coach Brad Soderberg on Tuesday.

Sports

Mets' Lights-Out Nobodies

New York relies on its anonymous relievers to do the dirty work

BASEBALL | Scott Schoeneweis was alone in the visitors' clubhouse at Citizens Bank Park when Monday night's game between the New York Mets and Philadelphia Phillies was postponed because of rain. He prefers to arrive before anyone else. Get a workout in, maybe play catch, disappear for a nap.

Relief pitchers tend to exist in the margins of baseball society, and Schoeneweis has plenty of company in this Mets bullpen. Aside from Billy Wagner, the \$43 million closer, the others have the luxury of dodging the spotlight.

"When I was with Anaheim, we were really, really good, and we were a bunch of misfits, and no one knew who we were," Schoeneweis said. "I'd rather be that way. I don't mind that no one knows who I am."

Whatever the Mets have right now, it's working. The bullpen has a



Scott Schoeneweis is part of the Mets' bullpen that has an ERA of 1.82 this season.

collective 1.82 ERA, having allowed seven earned runs in 34 2/3 innings, with 22 strikeouts.

General manager Omar Minaya made a point of building his pitching staff in a backward fashion this past winter by signing Schoeneweis to a three-year, \$10.8 million contract, trading for Ambiorix Burgos and virtually ignoring the rotation.

To Schoeneweis, it made perfect sense. The starters may get the bulk of the exposure — and the money — but someone has to finish the job for the team to be successful.

"If you watch highlights of a game, it usually goes from the starter and then straight to the closer," Schoeneweis said. "How did it get there?" DAVID LENNO (NEWSDAY)

Pirates Take Another From Cardinals

BASEBALL | The St. Louis Cardinals sure aren't playing like World Series champions.

Tom Gorzelanny and Matt Capps combined on a four-hitter and Adam LaRoche hit a three-

run homer, leading the Pittsburgh Pirates to a 6-1 victory Tuesday for a two-game sweep.

The Cardinals' 6-7 start is the worst by a World Series winner since the 1998 Florida Marlins

were 1-11. St. Louis completed a 1-3 home stand, scoring 10 runs in a victory over Milwaukee and totaling five runs in the losses. After going 49-31 last season, the NL's second-best home record, the Cardinals are 1-6 at Busch Stadium.

R.B. FALLSTROM (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

WIZARDS (8 P.M. ON COMCAST) The Wizards wrap up the regular season and get ready for the playoffs with a game against the lottery-bound Pacers.

NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN) Fighting to get out of the NL East cellar, the Phillies come to town for a two-game series with the Nationals. Jason Bergmann takes the mound against Adam Eaton.

ORIOLES (3 P.M. ON MASN) The Orioles finish their three-game series with the Devil Rays with Erik Bedard on the mound facing Scott Kazmir.

HOCKEY PLAYOFFS (7:30 P.M. AND 10 P.M. ON VERSUS) Buffalo is at the New York Islanders, and Nashville is at San Jose for two exciting Game 4's.

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Baltimore	7	6	.538	1.0	4-2 3-4
N.Y. Yankees	5	6	.455	2.0	2-3 3-3
Tampa Bay	5	8	.385	3.0	1-3 4-5
CENTRAL	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOMEROAD
Cleveland	6	3	.667	—	4-2 2-1
Detroit	8	5	.615	—	2-1 6-4
Minnesota	7	5	.583	0.5	6-4 1-1
Chicago	5	6	.455	2.0	2-3 3-3
Kansas City	3	10	.231	5.0	2-4 1-6
WEST	W	L	PCT.	GB	HOMEROAD
Seattle	5	3	.625	—	4-2 1-1
L.A. Angels	6	7	.462	1.5	5-2 1-5
Oakland	6	7	.462	1.5	3-3 3-4
Texas	5	7	.417	2.0	4-2 1-5

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Atlanta	8	4	.667	—	5-3 3-1
N.Y. Mets	7	4	.636	0.5	3-2 4-2
Florida	6	6	.500	2.0	3-3 3-3
Washington	4	9	.308	4.5	2-6 2-3
Philadelphia	3	8	.273	4.5	1-4 2-4
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Cincinnati	7	6	.538	0.5	4-3 3-3
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Houston	5	6	.455	1.5	2-5 3-1
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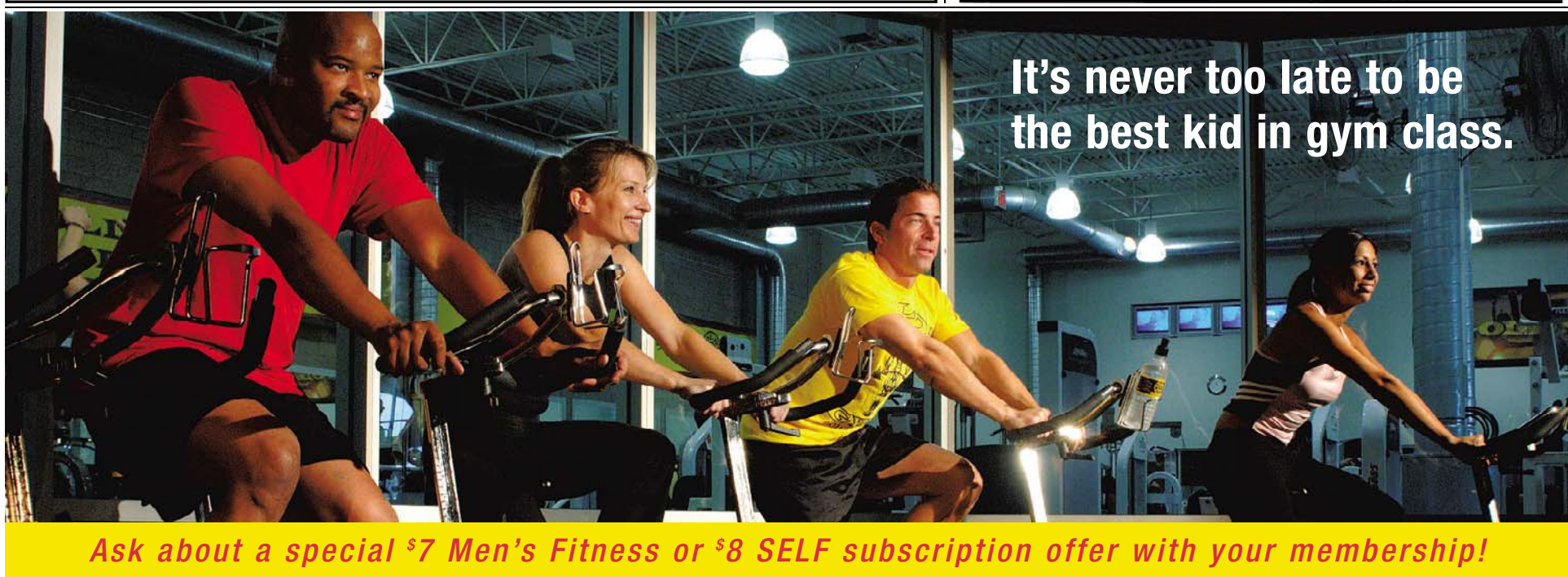
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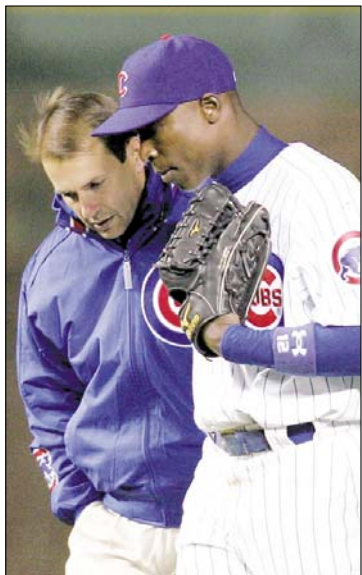
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Alfonso Soriano walks off the field after injuring himself during Monday's game.

Soriano Out for A Week

Groin injury will keep the Cubs' \$136 million outfielder sidelined

BASEBALL | Chicago Cubs outfielder Alfonso Soriano expects to miss about a week after straining his left groin while diving for a ball Monday night against the San Diego Padres.

The Cubs mulled putting the five-time All-Star on the 15-day disabled list, even though an MRI on Tuesday revealed no major structural damage. Instead, they optioned right-handed pitcher Angel Guzman to Triple-A Iowa just before Tuesday's game against the Padres and called up top prospect Felix Pie, who started in center and batted leadoff in his major-league debut.

"I'm upset right now because I like to play every day," Soriano said Tuesday morning. "I think I want to be there for them in a week."

A key component in the Cubs' offseason overhaul, Soriano is batting .245 with no homers and one RBI after signing for eight years and \$136 million.

ANDREW SELIGMAN (AP)

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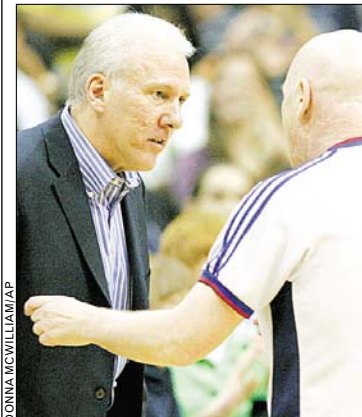
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Sports



Joey Crawford, right, talks with Gregg Popovich after ejecting Tim Duncan.

Referee Punished By NBA

Veteran Joey Crawford suspended indefinitely for Duncan interaction

BASKETBALL | Joey Crawford is done ejecting players and coaches this season. On Tuesday, he was the one getting tossed.

The veteran NBA referee was suspended indefinitely by commissioner David Stern for his conduct toward Tim Duncan, who contends the official challenged him to a fight during a game in Dallas.

Crawford has worked more post-season games than any active ref. His suspension will last at least through the NBA finals, and he, apparently, will have to meet with Stern after that to discuss reinstatement.

"Especially in light of similar prior acts by this official, a significant suspension is warranted," Stern said in a statement. "Although Joey is consistently rated as one of our top referees, he must be held accountable for his actions on the floor, and we will have further discussions with him following the season to be sure he understands his responsibilities."

Crawford ejected Duncan from San Antonio's loss after calling a second technical foul on the Spurs star while he was laughing on the bench. **BRIAN MAHONEY (AP)**

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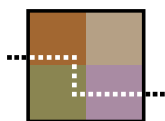
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Laid-back Carouge feels like it's a world away from the big city

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"People come to Carouge, they still feel this difference," said Gianna Mestermann, a guide who runs tours of the area. "As soon as you leave Geneva, you're surprised by the architecture and the artisans you see working."

In the 18th century, the Arve was actually an international frontier, marking a border between Carouge, which belonged to the Italian realm of Piedmont, and the city-state of Geneva, which at the time was still heavily influenced by the austere 16th-century Protestant preach-



Carouge remains a destination for craftsmen and fashionable young city dwellers in search of somewhere more laid-back. The same was true in the 18th century.

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Arguments? Anybody? I thought not. DAN NEIL (THE LOS ANGELES TIMES)

ROAD TEST | Sixty years ago, legendary Italian industrialist Enzo Ferrari set about to improve the lives of rich guys everywhere. On May 11, 1947, at Piacenza, Ferrari rolled out his new company's first car, the 125 Sport, a 1,500-cc, front-engine, 12-cylinder two-seater. Today, we salute the work of this great humanitarian.

The new 599 GTB Fiorano is heir to Ferrari's glorious tradition of front-engine V12 dueposti.

When it came time to build the successor to the terrific Maranello, Ferrari boss Luca di Montezemolo stipulated that the car have the supreme elegance of a luxury GT while exceeding the performance of the F40, a raw, race-bred, carbon-bodied monster of a car — less a car, actually, than a four-wheeled death threat.

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WEB OF GLORY: The new comedy video site FunnyOrDie.com, which is co-owned by Will Ferrell, is off to a sizzling start, thanks to a two-minute video. "The Landlord" features Ferrell as an apartment tenant forced to reckon with an angry landlord — who happens to be a toddler.



Entertainment

The Spirit of Comedy

Gary Shandling gets mystical about his 'Larry Sanders' DVDs

DEEP JAPES | We could begin with the Zen "emptiness circle" tattooed on the back of his neck. Or a deep thought, half-disguised as a joke: "I've been on a state of high alert since high school. I didn't need 9/11 to remind me that we live on a ball of flame."

Or we could get right to the news that April 17 marked the release of "Not Just the Best of the Larry Sanders Show," a four-disc selective retrospective of the paradigm-breaking, paradigm-setting 1992 to 1998 HBO comedy about a late-night talk show host and his codependents — a set with which Gary Shandling, its star and guiding light, was thoroughly, even profoundly involved.

The DVD, which contains eight hours of new material, is a thing of many angles, as much about Shandling as it is about "Sanders," and as much about the actors as the characters they played, and as much about the process as the product. It revels in contradictions: the seriousness of comedy; playing a role to become yourself; offering for public consumption what the menu describes as "intimate, per-



SELF-REALIZATION THROUGH SELF-PARODY: A new "Larry Sanders" collection has given Gary Shandling a chance to reflect.

sonal, indulgent visits with my friends that are meant for only me to see." When he calls the project "a labor of love," he is not being glib; love is its actual subject.

Though it was never successful in the way of "Friends," the series' influence continues to play out, anticipating the current run on backstage comedies, and it explored the blurring of the line between fact and fiction later seen in "Entourage," "Extras" and "Curb

Your Enthusiasm," with guest celebrities playing versions or inversions of themselves.

Shandling seems to see everything — stand-up comedy, acting, boxing, a DVD, this interview — as an occasion for growth, learning, self-realization. One choice on the DVD's opening menu reads, "I don't really want to watch this DVD. I'd rather spend my time talking to a human being." (Selecting it gets the response "Option not available.")

Appropriately, then, the heart of the DVD set is the several long, basically unedited encounters Shandling has with some of the show's celebrity guests, who are not coincidentally also his friends (Alec Baldwin, Ellen DeGeneres, Jerry Seinfeld). These are "experimental" pieces he describes as "whatever happens from the actual human contact, when you don't have to do anything or prove anything."

ROBERT LLOYD (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

Today's Top Stops

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CHANDRA MANNING Cruel War



2 Chandra Manning used soldiers' letters, diaries and regimental newspapers to gain insights about

what Union and Confederate soldiers thought about slavery and the Civil War. Manning's findings are in her new book, "What This Cruel War Was Over: Soldiers, Slavery, and the Civil War."

→ Olsson's, 106 S. Union St., Alexandria; 7 p.m., free; 703-684-0077.

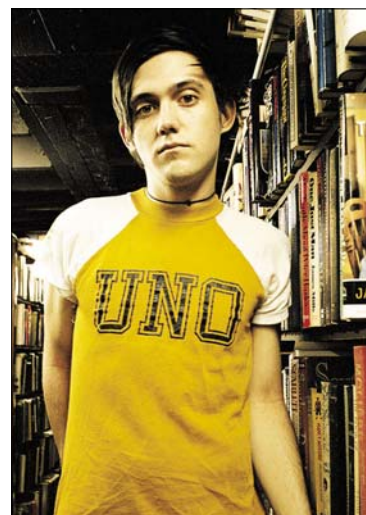
NOXAGT Norse Noise

3 Noxagt is an ultra-heavy, experimental noise-metal band from Norway. The trio is known for its abrasively ugly but ultimately mind-splitting rock recordings released by the U.S.-based Load label.

→ Velvet Lounge, 915 U St. NW; 8 p.m., \$10; 202-462-3213. (U St. - Cardozo)

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Bright Eyes (aka Conor Oberst) skips the risk-taking on his mundane new CD.

Bright Eyes Gone Dull

'Cassadaga' suffers from sameness, which obscures its brilliance

MUSIC | Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst has cultivated a reputation for risk-taking and surprise, both in his music and his career.

His best songs use clever, unexpected twists that pull the listener deeper into the song.

And his career is packed with anti-establishment turns, includ-

ing releasing two excellent albums of different styles simultaneously in 2005.

Unfortunately, the surprises have run out on Bright Eyes' latest album, "Cassadaga" (Saddle Creek). It's not that there is anything wrong with the indie folk of the first single, "Four Winds," the raucous "Hot Knives" or the dreamy "Make a Plan to Love Me." It's that over the course of the album, so little changes. The focus on Oberst's lyrics is so overwhelming that the musical

arrangements bend to accommodate them. His phrasing and vocal approach is basically the same from start to finish, and Oberst seems so interested in the lyrics of his new songs that everything else seems secondary.

In short bursts, "Cassadaga" can be moving, even brilliant at times. But, taken as a whole, it is repetitive and grating and paints Bright Eyes as more of a one-trick pony than he really is.

GLENN GAMBOA (NEWSDAY)





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Television



PLAYING DRESS-UP AGAIN: After 14 years with HBO, Tracey Ullman is jumping the pay-cable ship to Showtime for “State of the Union.” The satirical sketch-comedy show will feature Ullman dressing up (natch) as all sorts of American characters and impersonating famous folks.

Pop Journalism 101

Larry King is feted by CNN for 50 years of tossing softballs

FLUFF | Five decades of movie stars, pop sensations, presidents and scandalous flash-in-the-pans share time with America’s most recognizable pair of glasses and suspenders on “Larry King — 50 Years of Pop Culture” (9 p.m., CNN).

For better or worse, nobody better represents the confluence of news and celebrity culture. As if to highlight this fact, King is joined by CNN’s Anderson Cooper and “American Idol” host Ryan



We can guarantee that Larry King is wearing suspenders under this hoodie.

Seacrest for this commemorative glance back.

King has conducted more than 40,000 interviews in his 50 years on radio and television. How has he endured? King has mastered the art of the softball interview. He’s hardly the grand inquisitor or the master of the “gotcha.” He’s more likely to make journalists squirm than discomfort his subjects with a probing, follow-up question.

King may not be “in your face,” but he can retreat into silences that some guests seem compelled to fill — often at their peril.

Whether you consider King empty media calories or the comfort food of your youth, “50 Years of Pop Culture” is hard to resist.

KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

DO THE HUSTLE — DOOT, DOOT
The British heist drama **HUSTLE** (10 p.m., AMC) enters its fourth, six-episode season of stylish con men (and women) and elaborate double-crosses. In tonight’s episode, Mickey departs for Down Under, leaving Danny to get in way over his head with a Hollywood con.

SHANNON ELIZABETH CAN IMPROV?
George Takei, Chelsea Handler, Tom Green and Shannon Elizabeth improvise on **THANK GOD YOU’RE HERE** (8 p.m., NBC).

FOUND: THE WIZARDS’ SEASON
A basketball court’s bleachers yield grim remains on **BONES** (8 p.m., Fox).

A FEW WEEKS TOO LATE
SECRETS OF THE DEAD (8 p.m., PBS) looks at a possible location of Christ’s tomb.



George Takei & David Alan Grier yuk it up, improvisationally, on “Thank God.”

THIS IS SANJAYA’S COUNTRY
Martina McBride performs on **AMERICAN IDOL** (9 p.m., Fox).

YOUR YARD NEEDS GROOMING
GET OUT WAY OUT (9:30 p.m., HGTV) shows new landscaping techniques.

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LOCAL CHANNELS	WRC 4 News	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones	Thank God You're Here	Crossing Jordan	Medium	News	News	News	Tonight Show
	WTTG 5 Seinfeld	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Seinfeld	Bones	Thank God You're Here	American Idol	Medium	News	News	News	Every-Raymond
	WJLA 7 News	ABC Wild News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	According to Jim	Nte-Underbelly	Lost	Lost	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	News	(:35) Nightline
	WUSA 9 News	Evening News	News	Entertainment	Jericho	"Casus Belli"	Criminal Minds	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	CSI: NY	News	Late Show
	WDCB 20 Scrubs	Scrubs	Judge Joe Brown	Judge Judy	Saints & Sinners	Saints & Sinners	Saints & Sinners	The Tyra Banks Show	Still Standing	Still Standing	Still Standing	Still Standing
	WMPT 22 The NewsHour	Business Rpt.	Business Rpt.	Artworks-Week	Secrets of the Dead	Secrets of the Dead	America at a Crossroads	America at a Crossroads	American Experience	American Experience	American Experience	American Experience
	WETA 26 BBC World News	The NewsHour	The NewsHour	Artworks-Week	Secrets of the Dead	Secrets of the Dead	America at a Crossroads	America at a Crossroads	American Experience	American Experience	American Experience	American Experience
	WHUT 32 Business Schl	Tavis Smiley	BBC World News	Moneywise	The Hidden Epidemic	The Hidden Epidemic	America at a Crossroads	America at a Crossroads	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley	Charlie Rose	Charlie Rose
	WDCW 50 My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends	Friends	America's Next Top Model	America's Next Top Model	Pussycat Dolls	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Sex and the City	Sex and the City
BASIC CABLE	A&E Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos	The Sopranos
	Animal The Crocodile Hunter	The Most Extreme	The Most Extreme	The Most Extreme	The Most Extreme	The Most Extreme	The Ultimate Guide	The Ultimate Guide	The Ultimate Guide	The Ultimate Guide	The Ultimate Guide	The Ultimate Guide
	BET 106 & Park	BET's Top 10 Live	BET's Top 10 Live	BET's Top 10 Live	BET's Top 10 Live	BET's Top 10 Live	Revised	Revised	Revised	Revised	Revised	Revised
	Bravo Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef	Top Chef
	Comedy (5:00) * "Out Cold"	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Scrub	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show	Daily Show
	Court Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files
	Discovery How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	How It's Made	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters	MythBusters
	DISCH Code Blue	Code Blue	Code Blue	Code Blue	Code Blue	Code Blue	Plastic Surgery	Plastic Surgery	Plastic Surgery	Plastic Surgery	Plastic Surgery	Plastic Surgery
	Disney Hannah Montana	That's So Raven	Phil of the Future	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Zack & Cody	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Life With Derek	Life With Derek
	E! High 90210	High 90210	E! News	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	The Daily 10	Anna Nicole Smith	Anna Nicole Smith	Anna Nicole Smith	Anna Nicole Smith	Anna Nicole Smith	Anna Nicole Smith
	FX (5:00) * "The Punisher"	(2004, Action)	Thomas Jane, John Travolta	*** "Ray"	(2004, Biography)	Jamie Foxx, Kerry Washington, Regina King	Ray Charles	Ray Charles	Ray Charles	Ray Charles	Ray Charles	Ray Charles
	HGTV Look What I Did!	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me	Design on a Dime	Get Out Way Out	House Hunters	House Worth?	Junk Brothers	Hammered
	Family 7th Heaven	"Heart of the Matter"	Smallville	Visitor	*** "The Mask of Zorro"	(1998) Antonio Banderas	Zorro's protege	Zorro's protege	Zorro's protege	Zorro's protege	Zorro's protege	Zorro's protege
	History Man, Moment, Machine	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels	Modern Marvels
	Lifetime Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	* "Thy Neighbor's Wife"	(2000, Suspense)	Kari Wuhrer, Jeff Trachta	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Will & Grace
	MTV Exposed	Punk'd	Real World-Rd	Scarred	Pimp My Ride	Living Laina	The Real World	The Real World	The Real World	Road Rules	Adv. Hollywood	Adv. Hollywood
	NICK Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	SpongeBob	Drake & Josh	Full House	Full House	Full House	Roseanne	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
	SCI FI Stargate SG-1	Imprisoned by an alien	*** "Arabian Nights"	(2000, Fantasy)	Mili Avital, Dougray Scott, Rufus Sewell	Scheherazade	spins tales of magic and wonder	spins tales of magic and wonder	spins tales of magic and wonder	spins tales of magic and wonder	spins tales of magic and wonder	spins tales of magic and wonder
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	TNT Law & Order	"Kid Pro Quo"	Law & Order	"Cost of Capital"	Law & Order	"Dining Out"	Law & Order	"Ghosts"	Law & Order	"In God We Trust"	Without a Trace	Without a Trace
	USA Law & Order	Criminal Intent	Law & Order	Criminal Intent	Law & Order	Criminal Intent	Law & Order	Criminal Intent	Law & Order	Criminal Intent	Law & Order	Criminal Intent
	VHI (5:00) 40 Least Hip Hop Moments	I Love New York	Flavor of Love	Girls: Charm School	Flavor of Love	Girls: Charm School	Springer Hust.	Reality Secrets	Reality Secrets	Reality Secrets	Celebrity Eye Candy	Celebrity Eye Candy
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SPORTS	ESPN SportsCenter	(Live)	NBA Shootaround	NBA Basketball	Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers	From Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis	NBA Basketball	Hornets at Clippers	NBA Basketball	Hornets at Clippers	NBA Basketball	Hornets at Clippers
	ESPN2 Bidding Wars	NASCAR Now	MLB Baseball	Cleveland Indians at New York Yankees	From Yankee Stadium in the Bronx, N.Y.	(Subject to Blackout)	Boxing	Wednesday Night Fights	(Live)	Boxing	Wednesday Night Fights	(Live)
	CSN Washington	SportsNite	Net Impact	Stars On Stars	NBA Basketball	Washington Wizards at Indiana Pacers	From Conseco Fieldhouse in Indianapolis	SportsNite	(Live)	SportsNite	(Live)	SportsNite
NEWS	CNN Lou Dobbs Tonight	The Situation Room	Paula Zahn Now	CNN Presents	"Larry King: 50 Years of Pop Culture"	(N) (R)	On the Record	Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor
	FNC Special Report	(Live)	The Fox Report	With Shepard Smith	Paula Zahn Now	(Live)	Hannity & Colmes	(Live)	On the Record	Van Susteren	The O'Reilly Factor	The O'Reilly Factor
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MOVIES	AMC (5:30) *** "Dead Calm"	(1989) Sam Neill, 'R'	*** "Ladder 49"	(2004) Joaquin Phoenix	A firefighter awaits rescue from a burning building.	Hustle	(Season Premiere) (N)	(:15) *** "Commando"	(1985) 'R'	(:15) *** "Commando"	(1985) 'R'	(:15) *** "Commando"
	TCM (4:45) *** "Since You Went Away"	(1944) Claudette Colbert, 'NR'	*** "The Killers"	(1946, Crime Drama)	Burt Lancaster, 'NR'	*** "Brute Force"	(1947, Suspense)	Burt Lancaster, Hume Cronyn, 'NR'	*** "Brute Force"	(1947, Suspense)	Burt Lancaster, Hume Cronyn, 'NR'	*** "Brute Force"
	HBO (:15) *** "The X-Files"	(1998, Science Fiction)	David Duchovny, Martin Landau, 'PG-13'	Real Sports	Entourage	Real Time With Bill Maher	(N) (R)	The Sopranos	"Stage 5" (N) (R)	The Sopranos	"Stage 5" (N) (R)	The Sopranos
	MAX (4:45) *** "V for Vendetta"	(2006) *** "Saving Private Ryan"	(1998) Tom Hanks	U.S. troops look for a missing comrade during World War II.	'R'	* "Big Momma's House 2"	(2006) Martin Lawrence, 'PG-13'	Erotic Traveler	Erotic Traveler	Erotic Traveler	Erotic Traveler	Erotic Traveler
	SHOW (5:35) *** "Bad News Bears"	(2005) Billy Bob Thornton, This Am. Life	The Tudors	"Episode 3" (ITV)	*** "Get Rich or Die Tryin'"	(2005) Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson, 'R'	Penn & Teller	This Am. Life	Penn & Teller	This Am. Life	Penn & Teller	This Am. Life
	TMC Next Best Thing	*** "The Baxter"	(2005) Michael Showalter, 'PG-13'	*** "The Big White"	(2005) Robin Williams, 'R'	(:45) *** "The Usual Suspects"	(1995) Stephen Baldwin, 'R'	Dirty Dancing	Dirty Dancing	Dirty Dancing	Dirty Dancing	Dirty Dancing
	STARZ! (5:40) * "Venom"	(2005) 'R'	(:10) *** "Glory Road"	(2006, Drama)	Josh Lucas, 'PG'	(:10) *** "Click"	(2006, Comedy)	Adam Sandler, 'PG-13'	M. Lawrence	(:45) Bronx Bunny	M. Lawrence	(:45) Bronx Bunny
	ENCORE (:05) * "Houseguest"	(1995, Comedy)	Sinbad, Phil Hartman, 'PG'	*** "Enemy of the State"	(1998, Action)	Will Smith, 'R'	(:15) *** "Striking Distance"	(1993, Action)	Bruce Willis, 'R'	(:15) *** "Striking Distance"	(1993, Action)	Bruce Willis, 'R'

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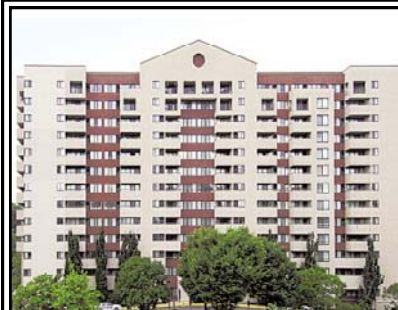


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And, with his roll of industrial-strength tape and an eviction notice in hand, Shokes also knows that you haven't made your mortgage payments.

"Like anything else I do in law enforcement, I want as much information as possible to keep myself safe," Shokes said during one recent day spent posting some of the 150 eviction notices he's served in the past 18 months. So far this year, he's on pace to serve about 120 notices — about the same as last year.

As mortgage foreclosures increase around the country, it's left to Shokes and other law enforcement agents to complete the final steps in the wrenching process of forcing a family from a home. It's a lengthy trail that leads from notices

of late payments to court hearings before being handed to someone like Shokes. When it goes smoothly, he often finds a family has moved out before he posts the final, 8 1/2-by-11 eviction notice on a door.

The few times it's gone badly, emotions run high.

"I guess the hardest part, and I don't run across it a whole lot, is when they have children and the children don't understand. They see the uniform, they see the car, so I kind of work a little bit harder," said Shokes, a 20-year veteran.

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TOUGH TASK: Deputy Jon Shokes serves up foreclosure notices in South Carolina.

But the fastest-growing area of mortgage foreclosures are high-priced loans made to people with problem credit — also called subprime loans. Many of those mortgages came with low introductory rates and payments, but as the rates have risen, borrowers are finding it more difficult to make payments.

In the last three months of 2006, about one of every 14 of those adjustable rate mortgages in the state was in foreclosure, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

George Williams, a 54-year-old unemployed truck driver, had started renting a place to live by the time Shokes posted the eviction on his home in the Lexington County town of Cayce last month. He couldn't

Portrait of Eviction

So Shokes, the only deputy who serves foreclosure notices in Lexington County, S.C., does his research. He also makes three attempts to contact a homeowner before posting the eviction notice. He stops by at different times of the day and chats for a spell, mostly to make sure they understand what's about to happen.

"I just don't arbitrarily walk into this and say, 'OK, I'm going to serve someone with some papers

"I guess the hardest part ... is when they have children."

JON SHOKES, DEPUTY

and tell them that 'Hey, you've got to be out of the house at this date and this time.' I want to know who

I'm dealing with," he said. "Most people — I'd say probably 99 percent of them — understand why they're losing the home, and they don't take that out on me."

Home to about 240,000 people in central South Carolina, Lexington County's foreclosures typically have stemmed from divorces, job losses or illnesses that leave people unable to pay mortgages, according to the stories Shokes has heard from the people he has evicted.

make payments after his subprime mortgage rose from a 7 percent rate to nearly 10 percent.

The two men had talked before the notice went up, and Williams said later by phone that he had no hard feelings for the deputy who "was just doing his job."

"I guess it would be worse if I had nowhere to go," Williams said. "If my stuff got put out on the street, I would have felt differently."

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Sports

Think badminton is a casual backyard game? Think again.

Badminton has changed since Dick Witte first picked up a shuttlecock in 1938.

Players are more agile — they dart around the court and fire calculated, precise shots. The game is faster — the shuttlecock can fly at speeds of more than 100 mph. And equipment is pricier — some rackets can cost more than \$150.

But Witte said there still is not enough serious interest in badminton and that, for most Americans, the game hasn't moved out of the tap-tap game played in the backyard.

"I think that most people have the impression that badminton is a sport where you've got a gin and tonic in one hand," Witte said.

Although badminton has a bad rap, aficionados of the sport said

"I think most people have the impression that it's a sport where you've got a gin and tonic in one hand."

DICK WITTE, BADMINTON PLAYER

they hope to recruit younger American players. The U.S. Badminton Education Foundation is trying to foster the sport's growth by reaching out to children. The national governing body has posted a guide of court locations on its Web site to help draw in new players.

"There's nothing wrong with the kids," the 81-year-old Witte said. "It's a matter of exposure."

The competitive game and its backyard cousin are starkly different. Some top players said they often prefer enclosed areas with walls painted bright green, so they can easily see a darting shuttlecock.



Dave Zarco teaches students the finer points of badminton at a Miami high school.

While leisure players might not be prepared for quick shots, the best competitors are conditioned to move fluidly across the court. They pre-

pare for brutal corner drives and smashes across the flimsy net. Rally play can stretch on, lobs can tower over players and short blasts can

force them to react with the speed of a hockey goalie.

A 2006 Sporting Goods Manufacturers Association study found that 6.2 million Americans played badminton in 2005, said Mike May, a spokesman for the association. Of those, May said, the average badminton player played only about 13 days per year.

The sport enjoys more popularity in Asia — China, South Korea and Indonesia have won 85 percent of the Olympic medals — and Europe.

"I don't expect everybody to play it, but I just want people to have a healthy respect for it," USA Badminton Regional Director Dave Zarco said. "Because if people have a healthy respect for it, then badminton becomes more popular."

Zarco said he tries to introduce south Florida high school students to the game, but is met with resistance from football, basketball and baseball coaches who don't want to see their best players distracted.

A teacher encouraged Leannet Gonzalez to join the badminton team at Miami's Coral Park High School this season, and she picked it up in a matter of weeks. Now she hopes to play in college.

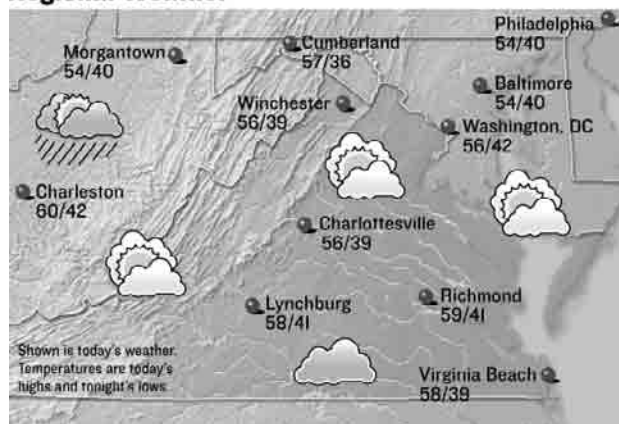
"It's wonderful. It's entertaining. It's a good workout. It keeps you in good shape. I like it," Gonzalez said.

SARAH LARIMER (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy, a shower	Partly sunny, a shower	Partly sunny	Sunny	Mostly sunny
56°	42°	55° / 41°	62° / 45°	68° / 45°	69° / 50°

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Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Tues.

Temperature

High	56°
Low	45°
Normal high	67°
Normal low	46°
Average humidity	53%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	3.96"
Normal month to date	1.55"
Year to date	11.83"
Last year to date	7.38"
Normal year to date	10.99"

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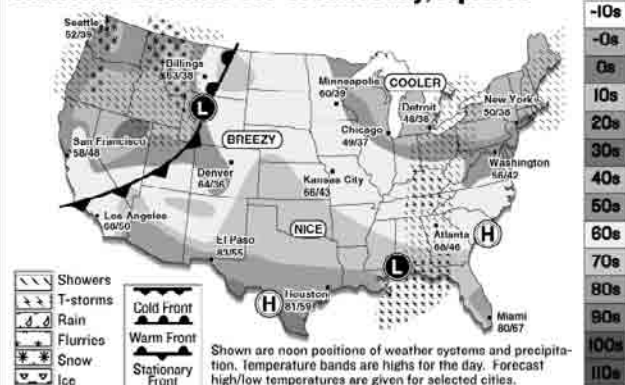
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Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:28 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:51 a.m.
Moonset today	9:51 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Apr 24	May 2	May 10	May 16

National Weather for Wednesday, April 18



National Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Atlanta	68/46/sh	67/44/s
Boston	46/34/r	46/38/c
Chicago	49/37/pc	53/36/pc
Dallas	74/54/pc	80/61/s
Denver	64/36/pc	56/34/pc
Honolulu	84/72/s	85/72/s
Los Angeles	68/50/pc	73/51/s
Miami	80/67/pc	84/67/s
New York City	50/38/c	52/40/c
Orlando	78/59/pc	84/58/s
Seattle	52/39/sh	56/39/c

World Cities

City	Today	Thur.
Amsterdam	57/39/pc	61/41/pc
Athens	68/52/s	72/52/pc
Berlin	59/38/s	63/41/s
Buenos Aires	79/66/sh	77/50/pc
Calgary	39/29/sn	37/25/pc
Dublin	61/43/s	61/39/pc
Geneva	68/43/pc	70/45/s
Moscow	59/38/c	59/36/pc
Rome	70/50/s	70/50/pc
Sydney	75/62/pc	75/59/pc
Tokyo	51/45/r	54/45/r

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Styles

LOOKout

Subject



Pretty in Pink

Vera Wang's second fragrance, Princess, was so awful we couldn't give it away. We tried. But the new, limited-edition **VERA WANG TRULY PINK** (\$85, Sephora) has redeemed the Wang name. It's a sultry floral, with enough spice to it to keep it from wandering into Grandma-ville. In fact, it smells pretty much like a Southern garden after a heavy rain: flowery, but clean and not overpowering. It's still a bit old for anyone under 30, but it's nice to find a fragrance that's clearly not targeting the teen market.

KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

Beauty

Boo-Boos Go Bye-Bye

Dating that guy who used "party" as a verb? Mistake. Waiting until after work today to start your taxes? Mistake. The new **MAKEUP ERASER PEN** (\$7.50, drugstores from Revlon) can't help with that, but it does erase errors of the cosmetic kind. While it works only on small touch-ups (if you have a giant problem, just wash your face), it annihilated both liquid and pencil eyeliner, black mascara and bright red lipstick effectively and completely. Wipe off the tip with a tissue, and stash it in your purse for those inevitable late-afternoon raccoon eyes. K.P.K.



QUITE A CHARACTER: Clockwise from top left: dresses inspired by Belle, Snow White, Cinderella and Ariel. Gowns are also available for Jasmine and Sleeping Beauty.

Part of Their World

Disney launches wedding gowns for princess brides

So many brides say they want to look like a princess on their wedding day — and now we're about to find out if they mean really mean it.

The Walt Disney Co. has teamed with bridal designer Kirstie Kelly to create a collection of gowns inspired by the favorite Disney princess characters: Cinderella, Sleeping Beauty, Snow White, Ariel from "The Little Mermaid," Belle from "Beauty and the Beast" and Jasmine from "Aladdin."

But Kelly is quick to point out that "inspired by" doesn't mean gowns that look like they came from the animated movies, which have been translated many times over into dress-up costumes for little girls. Instead, the designs attempt to channel the personality of each princess in terms suitable for a real-life, modern woman.

"We wanted women to feel like

they had something in common with these princesses. We had to identify who the princesses are now and who does the everyday girl relate to," Kelly said during a telephone interview.

A mood and fashion sensibility was assigned to each princess-themed gown: Cinderella is for the classic glamour bride; Sleeping Beauty is about pretty romance; Snow White is sweet elegance; Ariel is sultry allure;

Belle is stylish sophistication; and Jasmine is Bohemian chic.

"It actually touches on every type of wedding," explained Kelly, who also has her own bridal couture label. "For the destination wedding, there's Ariel or Jasmine, but if you're having 500 people in a ballroom, you're definitely the Cinderella gown."

The decision to go into the bridal market was largely made because of that princess dream so many brides talk about, said Andy Mooney, chairman of Disney Consumer Products World-



wide. "Kirstie has allowed a woman to enter the princess fantasy but in a way that's absolutely appropriate for the event."

The gowns will be sold at bridal salons. Kelly said Disney identified a void in the mid-tier level of gowns for brides who want to spend between \$1,100 and \$3,400.

Carley Roney, editor in chief of TheKnot.com, envisions suburban brides on the younger side as the target customer. And, while a lot of women toss around the words "fairytale" and "princess" about their weddings, she thinks they're talking more about an ultra-luxurious celebrity wedding.

But Mooney points out that a woman's first impression of love often comes from an animated character, and it's hard to completely erase that from her mind. "If you think about who the first person who teaches you about love, romance and Prince Charming is, it probably happened between the ages of 2 to 5 and included Disney."

SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

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ENTERTAINMENT

Institutional History

The story of how a British intellectual's endowment led to the Smithsonian Institution is generally unknown. Express contributor Katherine Silkaitis talked to Heather Ewing about why she wrote "The Lost World of James Smithson: Science, Revolution, and the birth of the Smithsonian." | [ONLINE NOW](#)



VA. TECH SHOOTINGS

Share Your Thoughts

The Virginia Tech shootings have a special resonance here in the D.C. area, where many residents have ties to the school. Do you have any thoughts you'd like to share about the incident and its impact? Leave us a comment on readexpress.com. | [ONLINE NOW](#)

FREE RIDE

Walk, Bike and Learn

This weekend, Cultural Tourism DC's WalkingTown event is taking place in all four quadrants of the city. Express' Vicky Hallett takes you through a few foot- and pedal-powered tours for you to enjoy. Explore some of D.C.'s best-kept secrets — without the fanny pack and lame FBI T-shirt. | [ONLINE NOW](#)



comment board

“While you anti-Constitution gun-control freaks would like to think that a gun-control policy could have prevented this, you are very wrong. All gun control did was to ensure that this freak-a-zoid had no fear of meeting someone else who might counter his actions.”

SIMPLE PIG FARMER, RESPONDING TO TUESDAY'S POLL CENTER QUESTION, "CAN ANYTHING BE DONE TO PREVENT SHOOTING RAMPAGES?"

“I suspect it is more a floundering mental health system inherent in a culture that was created and is maintained with a large element of violence and gun use at its center.”

SHANE, ANSWERING A QUESTION ON VIOLENCE THAT HE POSED HIMSELF: "WHY IS IT SO [MUCH] MORE PREVALENT IN THE U.S. (COMPARED WITH OTHER 'ADVANCED' NATIONS)?"

poll center

TODAY'S QUESTION

Did Va. Tech officials respond to the shootings correctly?

1. Yes
2. No

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Can anything be done to prevent shooting rampages?

AS OF 5 P.M. TUESDAY. NOT A SCIENTIFIC POLL.

NO
67%

YES
33%

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Blog LOG

“My oldest daughter asked me why I was crying. Today was her fifth birthday. The harsh realities of [Monday] are too much for her.”

VCAP.WORDPRESS.COM TRIES TO HIDE THE PAIN OF MONDAY'S SHOOTING RAMPAGE AT VIRGINIA TECH FROM THOSE TOO YOUNG TO COMPREHEND WHAT HAPPENED.



CHIP SOMADEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

“[Blacksburg] is a relatively small town — one of those places where you think nothing like this could ever happen. But ... it did.”

WHATSUPARLINGTON.BLOGSPOT.COM GREW UP IN CHRISTIANSBURG, NEAR BLACKSBURG, WHERE MONDAY'S SHOOTING RAMPAGE UNFOLDED ON VIRGINIA TECH'S CAMPUS.



Live Online

Why People Kill

DR. DEWEY CORNELL, clinical psychologist and director of the Virginia Youth Violence Project at the University of Virginia, was online Tuesday.

Can these mass killings be prevented, or are we simply to accept them as a new postmodern reality?

Mass killings can be prevented, but not by massively arming our society. Prevention must start long before the gunman is at the door. In almost every case of a mass shooting, the perpetrator has spent weeks or months planning the attack, and

has expressed threats that we could have detected. In many cases, we have prevented acts of violence by responding to these threats.

What's usually going on in a person's mind that leads them to do something like this? Is suicide usually part of the plan?

Suicide is often part of the plan, indeed the seedbed for the irrational thinking that leads to violence. Suicidal persons lose perspective on reality, see no hope for themselves and develop tunnel vision that there is nothing else they can do.

We have to identify and intervene with persons who are depressed like this. There are too few mental health resources and too much stig-

ma against mental health treatment in our society.

Is the media attention conditioning angry people that this is the platform or means to express their anger?

Unfortunately, there is implied cultural support for the idea of going on a rampage to express your feelings.

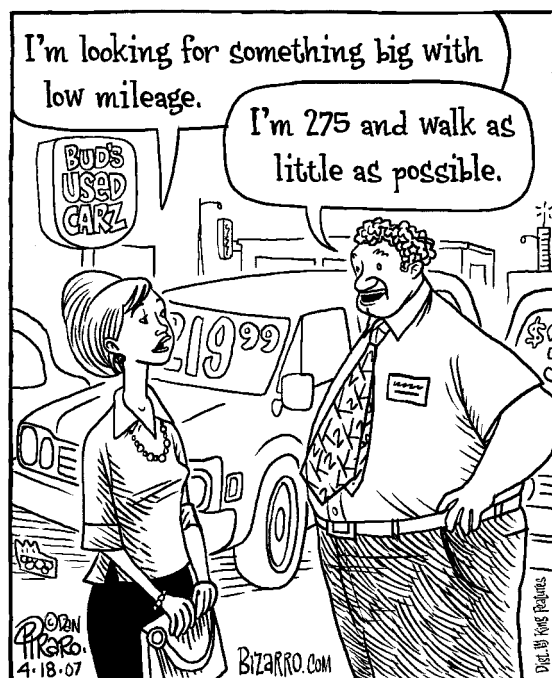
The Columbine boys have been the subject of too much glorification. Similarly angry and alienated youth identify with them.

TODAY ON LIVE ONLINE: Roy Glover, chief medical adviser for Bodies: The Exhibition, discusses preserving and displaying human corpses at 1 p.m. washingtonpost.com/liveonline

DO

TIME TRAVEL back in time. Virginia Tourism Corp.'s Web site jamestown1706.org sends visitors back 400 years to the time when English colonists established the Jamestown settlement. Portraits on the site bring visitors into middle of the complex interplay of cultures that followed.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin

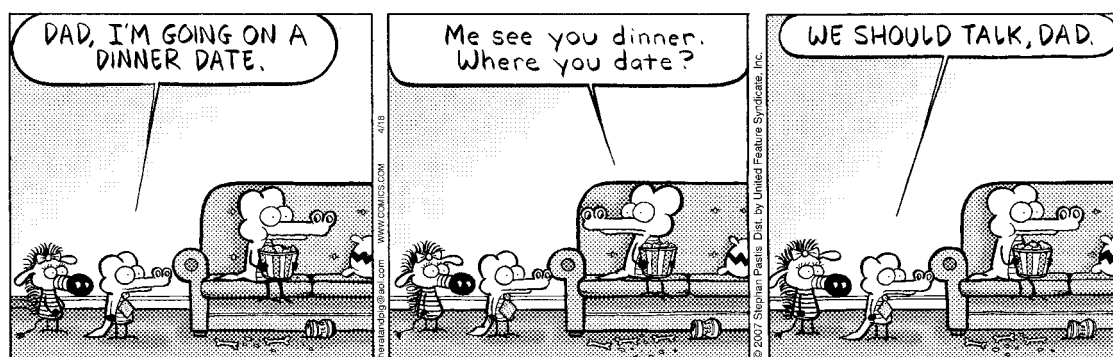


"I'm pretty sure you've got what this guy had."

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Success is only a 50/50 proposition unless you are willing to dig deeper and get more firmly in touch with your own changing feelings.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may find yourself in close contact with someone who is not on your side. It may be time to make amends; the first move is yours.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Insist that those who have signed on with you trust your decisions without question. Later, there will be time for discussion.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't underestimate the power of positive thinking—or throughout the week. If you think it can be done, it can be done—period.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't overlook those small details. Success at the workplace rests very much with you—and your ability to keep everything moving forward.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Though some people might put you off, you'll find that later on you'll be far more willing to listen to

even the most unusual suggestions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You can capture the interest of others by presenting your own problems in a new and more attractive fashion. Avoid falsehood, however.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're likely to find yourself engaged in a head-on conflict with someone who is attempting to dominate you at this time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Your attitude may be far too casual for your own good at this time. Do what you can to increase your awareness of current trends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Be sure you are truly in touch with your own emotions before you begin sharing them with others. Avoid indiscriminate emotional contact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Open and honest dialogue between friends, family members and loved ones will only serve to increase harmony in all areas. Talk it out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone you know is trying to figure out just what exactly will win you over. It may be time to address this issue honestly—and head-on.

Letters

Handguns Only Add Danger

I THINK MONDAY'S tragic shooting at Virginia Tech shows why D.C.'s gun ban is ineffective. It is far too easy to get a handgun in Virginia or Maryland. When the framers of the Constitution wrote the Second Amendment, the right to bear arms meant a musket, not a Smith & W-

son, Glock or Uzi. The U.S. did not have a standing army at that time, so national defense was based on community militias. Muskets were also useful for hunting (for food) and defending the home against bears, wild boars and other aggressive wildlife. I'm in favor of letting anyone in D.C. own a musket to protect their home, but handguns are used only for hunting people.

—KEVIN B. ROST
Washington, D.C.

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Today in History

1955 Albert Einstein dies in Princeton, N.J., at age 76.

1983 Some 63 people, including 17 Americans, are killed at the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, by a suicide bomber.

2002 Police arrest actor Robert Blake in the shooting death of his wife, Bonnie Lee Bakley. (He is acquitted at the criminal trial but found liable in the civil trial.)

2006 Suri Cruise, daughter of Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, is born.

1775 Several post riders set out to warn colonists of the British attack that started the American Revolution, leading to the myth of "Paul Revere's Ride."

1906 An earthquake strikes San Francisco, followed by raging fires. The final death toll is estimated to be more than 3,600.

1934 The first coin-operated laundry facility, a "Washateria," opens in Fort Worth, Texas.

LOOK out

People



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BAD IDEAS

Harsh Profanity, Choppy Dialogue Spice Up Ford Ads

In an effort to get more people to notice its new vehicles, Ford has asked Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright **DAVID MAMET** to direct some of its ads. The spots, which debuted last night during "American Idol," compare the company's Edge crossover vehicle to the BMW X-5 and the Lexus RX-350. (AP)

CRIME

Lead in Jam Master Murder

Federal prosecutors have alleged that a low-level bandit may hold the key to a high-profile mystery of the hip-hop world: Who killed



JAM MASTER JAY?

In court papers, the prosecutors identify Ronald "Tenad" Washington as the armed accomplice of a second unidentified gunman who shot Jay inside his New York studio in 2002. They say Washington also is a suspect in the 1995 fatal shooting of Randy Walker, an associate of the late rapper Tupac Shakur. (AP)



MADONNA IN MALAWI

She's Still There

MADONNA returned Tuesday to the Malawian orphanage where she found David Banda, the young Malawian boy she hopes to adopt. She was accompanied by her 9-year-old daughter, Lourdes. Children at the church-run Home of Hope orphanage in Mchinji, a village near the Zambian border, sang and recited lessons for Madonna while Lourdes took video footage. (AP)

HOW RUDE

L.A. Court Refuses to Meet Paris' Party Appearance Rate of \$150,000 Per Hour

PARIS HILTON was ordered Tuesday to appear in court May 4 for allegedly violating her probation in a reckless driving case by driving with a suspended driver's license. Prosecutors are seeking to revoke Hilton's probation on grounds that she violated its conditions, which could result in up to 90 days in jail. In January, Hilton plead-



ed no contest to alcohol-related reckless driving stemming from a Sept. 7 arrest and was sentenced to 36 months' probation, alcohol education and \$1,500 in fines.

Hilton wasn't present for Tuesday's hearing at Los Angeles Superior Court. The hearing was conducted almost entirely with lawyers at the bench speaking in hushed tones with the judge. (AP)

If you put an eagle in a blond wig and a headband, you might have something that looks like Paris.

PHOTOS

Rip Mug Shot Still Awesome

RIPTORN, who beat drunken-driving charges three years ago, has decided not to fight this time. The actor, 76, pleaded guilty Monday night to driving while impaired and agreed to pay \$380 and give up his license



for 90 days, said the North Salem Town Court in New York state. Torn had been scheduled to go to trial in June. (AP)



When Rosie acts nuts, Kelli just smiles beatifically at the nearest camera.

DESTINATIONS

Rosie's Summer Cruise Changes Course for Florida

A summer cruise for gay and lesbian families organized by **ROSIE O'DONNELL** has cut Bermuda from its planned itinerary because of possible protests by church groups. Her charter company said it would replace the Bermuda stop with two ports of call in Florida and a stop at a private island. In 2004, about 100 protesters met one of the company's cruises in the Bahamas. (AP)

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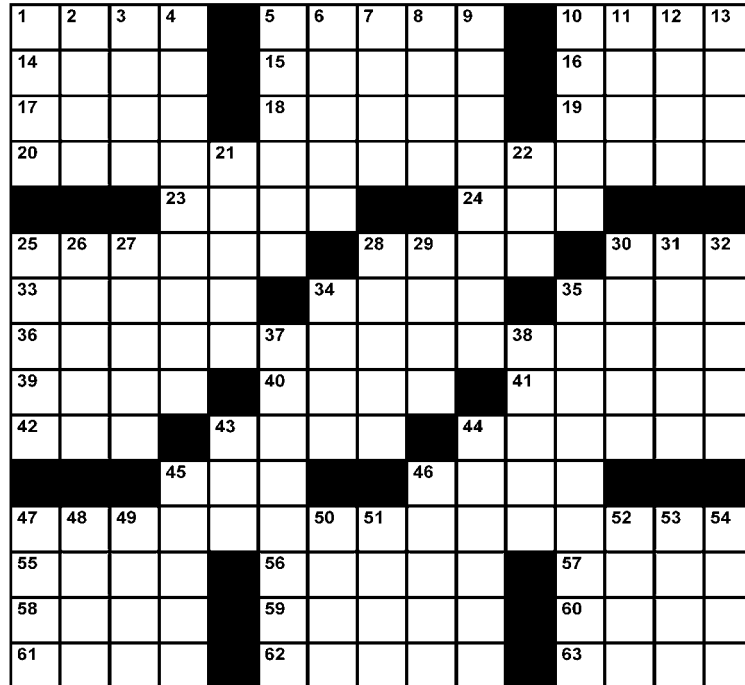
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16 It can come to a head
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19 Lab course, briefly
20 What a good pep talk will do
23 Sea dogs
24 Seventh Greek letter
25 Evaluate
28 "No ifs, ___ or buts!"
30 Make a selection
33 They may be between you and earth
34 Stead
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41 Sturdy fastener
42 Ltrs.' appendages
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DOWN

case
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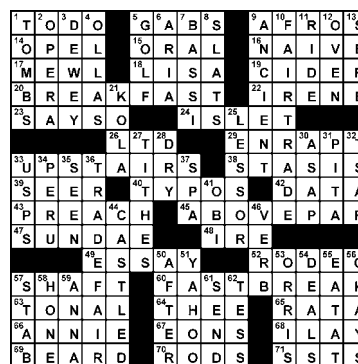
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followers, sometimes
25 Give ___ on the wrist
26 Wedges
27 Some sleeping places
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29 Bitter end?
30 Greek salad morsel
31 Pumpkin lover
32 They're held for questioning
34 Like a dirty old man
35 Alexander the Great's tutor

37 Place for two of a kind
38 Kind of jig
43 Average guy
44 Take offense at
45 Honshu port
46 James Dean persona
47 Pro ___
48 "Ah, me!"
49 Twiddling one's thumbs
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Yesterday's Solution



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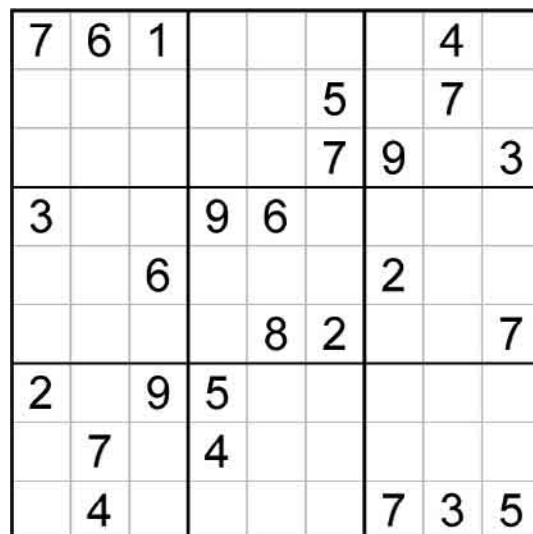
Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

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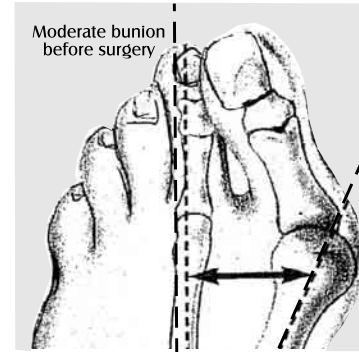
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Community Rhythms, 1995, Alfred J. Smith
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Celebrate Earth Day with Metro

Show your commitment to the environment and a clean city by taking part in Green DC Week's Earth Day Celebration Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Woodrow Wilson Plaza. Learn how your actions can help protect the environment and how you're already making a difference as a Metro rider. For more details about Green DC Week, visit www.greendcweek.net.

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METRO TIP

If you need to familiarize yourself with the Metro system, use Metro's system maps and helpful brochures. They're available at all Metrorail station kiosks. Or feel free to ask a Metro employee for help.



'Get Moving Faster' on the Yellow Line and Score Goodies This Week

Look for Metro's street team out on the Yellow Line today and Friday to promote the Yellow Line extension along the U Street corridor from Mt Vernon Sq/7th St-Convention Center to Fort Totten during off-peak hours. Now that the Yellow Line has expanded service along the U Street corridor, you can get where you're going faster during off-peak hours. There's no need to transfer between the Green Line and the Yellow Line.

As part of the promotion, Starbucks and Zipcar have teamed up with Metro to offer special treats to Metro riders. Enjoy a sample of Starbucks' new Dulce de Leche Frappuccino Blended Coffee, combining the taste of Latin American milk, caramel and coffee. Tastings will be available today during evening hours outside Columbia Heights and Fort Totten Metrorail stations and Friday during evening hours outside U Street Metrorail station.

The street team also will be handing out coupons for \$50 of free driving with Zipcar for new members. Zipcars are now located at more than 60 Metrorail stations and offer transit users another alternative for getting around the city.

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Miles to Go Before I Eat

The distance food travels is as vital as how it's grown

Before you bite into your next piece of fruit, think of how far it went just to get to you. You may end up rethinking where and how you shop for food.

More likely than not, your fruit came from a gigantic farm. It would've had a fairly uneventful youth, save for perhaps a harsh storm and a few pesticide baths.

It was harvested, probably by machines or migrant workers, and brought to a nearby storage

bin with many other pieces of fruit. From there, it probably took a plane, train, ship or truck to another warehouse. Finally, it was trucked to your supermarket, from whence you took it home.

In all, your apple or orange could have come thousands of miles, across state and even country lines. One study from Iowa State University found that produce sold in the upper Midwest travels an



average of 1,500 miles from where it was born.

Many environmentalists want to shorten that distance — the number of so-called “food miles” an item travels between farm and consumer. Doing so, they say, could make the food chain safer, give us better-quality

“The longer a food item travels, the more energy it uses.”

produce and, most importantly, reduce our impact on the planet. It's a concept on many minds due to Michael Pollan's bestselling book “The Omnivore's Dilemma,” which delves into the sources (and cross-country treks) of everything from fast-food burgers to organic arugula.

“The longer a food item travels, the more energy it uses,” says

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Rich Pirog, director of the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University. "Global warming is one reason" to buy local food, he says.

Pirog found in a 2001 study that trucks bringing food from national sources used 17 times the fuel of those bringing the same amount from regional sources and four times the fuel of transporting locally grown foods. (Pirog assumes local trucks use more fuel because they're smaller and make more trips.) If Iowa were to grow just 10 percent more of its food regionally and locally, Pirog concluded, it would reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 6.7 million to 7.9 million pounds per year.

Research like Pirog's has led those who jumped on the organic bandwagon several years ago to rethink their food choices. Whereas people once felt the key to earth-friendly eating was supporting natural growing practices, they now wonder whether reducing food miles might be just as important.

"We don't want the building sprawl and the mall sprawl to overcome our farmland."

As an example, an organic raspberry grown in California might be raised with fewer pesticides than its conventionally raised cousin in Virginia, but the amount of gasoline, oil and jet fuel used to schlep it to the East Coast could negate the positive environmental impact of its organic-ness. "When you consider all the energy inputs, am I really better off?" asks Pirog.

Ideally, of course, you'd buy both local and organic, a feat chef Nora Pouillon accomplishes at her D.C. restaurants Nora and Asia Nora. Plus, she says, buying local helps save farmland from development. "We don't want the building sprawl and the mall sprawl to overcome our farmland," says Pouillon. When she moved to the District more than 30 years ago, Tysons Corner was entirely green fields.

Pouillon began buying from local farmers decades ago, when she opened Nora in Dupont Circle.



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BE AN EARTH ANGEL ►► EAT EARTHILY

Healthful for You and the World

Want to reduce your food miles? Here are some tips:

→ **SHOP** at farmers' markets. Eastern Market is the area's biggest and oldest, but your neighborhood might well have its very own. Look for "producer-only markets," at which all the vendors raise or farm their own products. Localharvest.org offers a thorough list of farmers' markets in the area.

→ **ASK** your grocer. If he or she doesn't know where the store's produce originated, ask why not, suggests Ann Yonkers, founder of Fresh Farm Markets, a collection of area farmers' markets. At Whole Foods, most produce bins list where the food is grown, and local foods are tagged as such.



→ **BUY** from CSA (that stands for Community Supported Agriculture), which allows consumers to receive regular shipments from a local farm. Localharvest.org has a list.

→ **LEARN** what's in season. Modern supermarkets have gotten us used to having all products at all times—often at the expense of sustainability and taste, says Yonkers. Spring is the time for green vegetables like asparagus, lettuce, peas and chives, for instance. See freshfarmmarket.org for a chart of different growing seasons.

→ **CONTINUE** your education. There are many resources on the Web. Nationally, the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture (leopold.iastate.edu) and Sustainable Table's Eat Well Guide (eatwellguide.org) are good places to start. Locally, check out Future Harvest (futureharvestcasa.org) and the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future (www.jhsph.edu/clf). B.Q.



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Shoppers peruse produce at D.C.'s Eastern Market, top, and Anacostia Market, bottom. Farmers' markets are among the best ways to buy locally grown foods.

In addition to being better for the environment, local produce, she says, tastes better and is healthier. "The farmer can pick it when it's riper, when it's at its height of nutritional value and flavor," she explains. Produce from nearby farms tends to be fresher and often better-quality, too.

Other D.C. restaurateurs have followed suit, meaning you'll often find West Virginia ramps on the menu come spring, and organic Virginia apples in your pie in autumn.

This means cleaning up the environment might lead you to clean your plate. BETSY QUERNA

Save-the-Worldly Goods

Think an eco-chic home means a Quonset hut filled with avocado plants and burlap-covered futons? That's so 1977, not 2007, baby. High-style interiors that make a low impact on the environment have gotten easier to put together in recent years, thanks to a flotilla of ecologically correct products and designers. "You don't have to sacrifice your sense of style to create green decor," says Bonnie Trust Dahan, founding partner of VivaTerra (vivaterra.com), a Web site and catalog retailer that specializes in easy-on-the-eyes, easy-on-the-earth housewares and clothing. Big box retailers—Home Depot, Crate & Barrel—are even jumping on the green-is-groovy bandwagon.

Decorating that saves the world means choosing sustainable materials whenever possible. Redoing your kitchen? Go with poured concrete countertops instead of granite, since the showy rocks are a limited resource. When buying new items, aim for recycled-but-rad stuff like VivaTerra's dining chairs made of old wooden rulers (\$325 each) or Sarah Cihat's vintage plates (sarahcihat.com) custom-stenciled with images of astronauts or skulls.

Or indulge in the ultimate form of repurposing, and stuff your place with antiques. "They're the best way of recycling," says Dahan. "Head to a flea market, and go with what speaks to you."

Just don't use the greening of your digs as an excuse to throw out everything and embark on a mad shopping spree. In the case of eco-design, disposable decor is taboo, and less really is more considerate of the planet. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)



↑ Snooze in Arabian Nights-style splendor—sans any bad dreams about being overcome by environment-hurting dyes—under Anna Sova's eco-silk duvets. They're manufactured without nasty formaldehyde or other harmful compounds. (\$390-\$410, annasova.com)

↑ Wine and beer bottles, shapely to begin with, are even more attractive when recut and repurposed for Artecnic's TranSglass line of vases and candlesticks. (\$40, Homebody, 715 8th St. SE; 202-544-8445)

→ Plastic soda bottle bits morph into Sprite-bright throw pillows devised by South African artisans. They're just the thing to lounge on while slurping a glass of organic chardonnay. (\$45-\$75, uncommongoods.com)



↓ Made of sustainably grown alder wood, petroleum-free foam and organic upholstery, Cisco Brothers' Inside Green Betula chaise is a real green piece. But its glam lines make it appeal to both eco warriors and urban princesses. (starts at \$2,350, eco-terric.com)





→ Old circuit boards don't have to be destined for the dumpster. These Asian-inspired beauties use techy leftovers to cast a warm glow over office or boudoir. (\$280, uncommongoods.com)

↓ Like the sort of substance your mountain great-grandpappy might have used to cover a rocker, the Old-Fashioned Milk Paint Company's paint mixes come in 20 biodegradable, non-VOC colors suitable for coating walls, shabby-chic furniture or perhaps that Comstock wagon you have parked outside. (\$17 a quart, milkpaint.com)

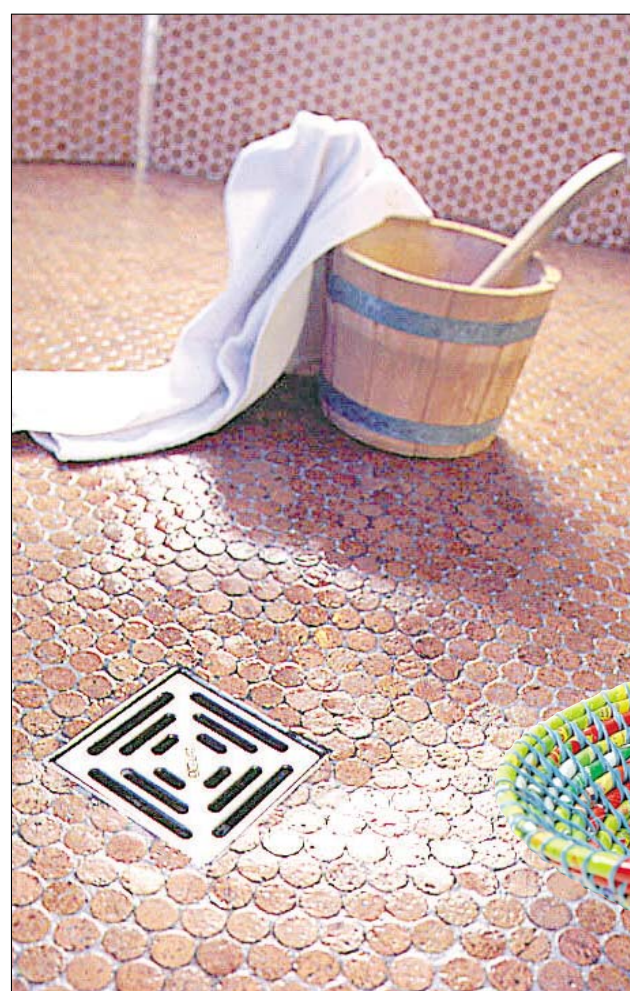


↑ That paperback copy of "Murder on the Orient Express" and your tot's clutch of Thomas the Tank Engine tomes can ride side by side on VivaTerra's book-case of reclaimed railroad ties. The webtique also hawks tables made of old barn wood and stools formed from rescued tree roots. (\$795, vivaterra.com)



↑ Where to put your feet up while reading back issues of "Mother Earth News" and "Vegetarian Times"? On a Zen-like ottoman woven from renewable grass stretched over sturdy wood frames. (\$89 for a set of three, gaiam.com)

→ Not just for bulletin boards and wine bottles anymore, sustainable cork also adds up to a cushy floor. Habitus' mosaic tiles of the springy bark come in penny-like shapes. The little rounds are waterproof, warm and available in many hues. (\$12 a square foot, habitusnyc.com)



↓ Nepalese craftspeople wove old candy wrappers into hip baskets from World of Good, a fair-trade cooperative. These bright babies are just the things to hold a few organic apples or those pledge letters from the Sierra Club. (\$25 and \$35, Hoopla Traders, 733 8th St. SE; 202-544-3620)





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Organic Chemistry

Eco-chic. Earth-friendly. Fair trade. The terms conjure up notions of ill-fitting, patchouli-scented garb. "I used to think that, but the perception is really starting to change," says Julie Gilhart, fashion director of Barneys New York. (The day we speak, she's wearing a Balenciaga top with organic, skinny black jeans by Loomstate.) "Twenty-five percent of the world's pesticides are used to grow cotton," she says. "There's got to be a better way to produce clothing — that's what this is all about." The new Loomstate for Barneys Green line joins a slew of other companies offering jeans that'll flatter both caboose and conscience. CORY OHLENDORF



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(1) Undesigned, a label by designer Carol Young, creates clothing that's both earth- and female-friendly. These swoon-worthy wide-leg trousers in a soft black denim (with just a hint of stretch) are made from a 50-50 mix of organic cotton and bamboo. (\$198, pangaya.com) **(2) Sales of Loomstate for Barneys Green** organic denim hot pants (and the rest of the line, too) will benefit the environmental group "1 percent For The Planet." (\$125, Barneys Co-Op stores and barneys.com) **(3) Levi's** affordable Eco vintage straight-leg jeans for men

sport a simple wash and oversized pockets. (\$65, Levi's, 3263 M St. NW; 202-965-1580; levis.com) **(4) Made from organic cotton** in non-sweatshop, Los Angeles-based facilities, Del Forte's jeans are redefining luxury denim. Labels are printed with vegetable inks, and a portion of each pair's price goes to the Sustainable Cotton Program. Even the Web site is hosted by a carbon-neutral company. Its Eugenia slim-fit jeans feature a mod, mid-rise waist. (\$190, delforte.com) **(5) These organic cotton denim** hot pants from Loomstate for Barneys Green are dyed gray from the start.

The usual process involves coloring the denim black, then bleaching it in nasty chemicals. (\$125, Barneys Co-Op stores and barneys.com) **(6) Nudie's "Even Steven"** jeans' rivets are made with recycled metal and their washes use natural enzymes. (\$165, Denim Bar, 1101 S. Joyce St., Arlington; 703-414-8202) **(7) Kicking Mule Workshop**, based in picturesque Boulder, Colo., uses raw Zimbabwean cotton and its jeans are dyed in pure, vegetable-derived indigo. But watch out for stains on shoes, couches and car seats! (\$275, Denim Bar)

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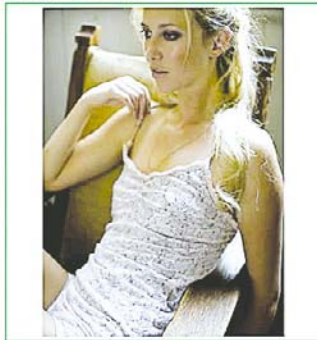


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Thursday Fashion Deal



Green Goody Thursday is back at [HTC Elements](#), the eco-chic online boutique run by Fab Green gal pal Summer Bowen.

World-Wise Webby

On the lively blog Fabulously Green (fabulouslygreen.blogspot.com), Los Angeles-based designer Stephanie Zhong dishes on eco-friendly fashion and interior decor. Topics that fall into her “look good, feel good, do good” net include where to buy chic handbags made from recycled military surplus items, how to order organic flower arrangements, and environmentally conscious DIY ideas. We asked her for her tips for going green.

How do you define green living?

It means reusing as much as possible, going for organic things whenever you can, whether it's food or clothing. And it's also about buying products that are fair trade. For me, it's been an incremental process. But I think it improves life and supports the planet.

What small changes can folks make to be earth-friendly at home?

Start by revamping your cleaning products. This has an immediate health benefit. Swap out the Clorox for Method stuff, which uses herbal ingredients and has a great smell. You don't even have to wear gloves when you clean!

What about recycling? Anything that goes beyond the usual bottles and newspapers?

I'd encourage having a clothing swap with friends. And I even do subscription trades with pals to split up all my design magazines.

What are some good-to-the-globe ideas if you're redoing your space?

For flooring, there are lots of options. Bamboo is a renewable resource, and Duro Design (duro-design.com) has it with vegetable-based stains in many different colors. If you're more traditional, go for something in reclaimed wood.

What about furniture? Can it be green and not ugly?

If someone's into a modernist look, there are always things on craigslist.com. And many blogs and Web sites — sustainablestyle.org, designturf.blogspot.com — showcase great things.

Can you dress well yet be green?

There are lots of eco brands that are just gorgeous, like the designs of Anna Cohen (annacohen.com), who used to work with Max Studio. Someone who shops at Anthropologie and likes that vintage, somewhat French look, would like Preloved (preloved.ca, sold locally at Nana, 1534 U St. NW).

What about shoes?

Charmone Shoes has really sexy heels [sold at shoes.com] made from vegan materials and non-toxic glues. Even Converse has come out with sweatshop-free hemp sneakers. JESSICA MILCETICH (EXPRESS)



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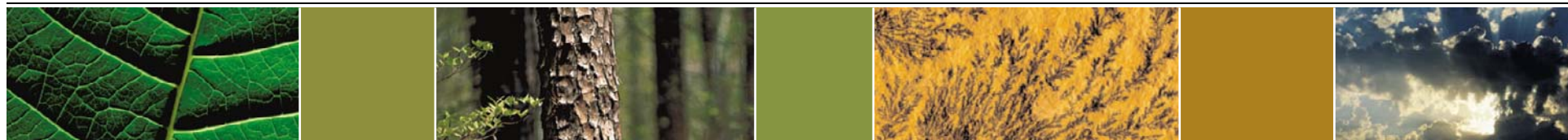


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Blue Planet Beauty

Local spas smooth your body, soothe the earth

You saw "An Inconvenient Truth," so you reuse those little shopping bags to carry lunches and try really hard to remember to recycle. But the tree huggers will pull your cosmetics from your cold, dead, exfoliated hands. There are ways to combine beauty and consciousness, however. We sampled the services at three local earth-friendly retreats and learned that, while going green is not without compromise, the treatments are as good as, if not better, than a standard spa's.

D.C.'s best-known and highest-end green spa is **NUSTA** (1129 20th St. NW; 202-530-5700). The first spa in the country to be accepted into the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Pilot Program for commercial interiors, the place was green before it even opened its doors. The location was

chosen to encourage the use of public transportation; the furniture and equipment belonging to the space's former occupants were given to charitable organizations. And the entire facility was built using non-toxic, rapidly renewable and recycled materials.

Nusta's genesis wasn't all about Earth. "The health component was more important," says owner and president Elizabeth Snowden. "I was working from home in a really old building with terrible air quality, and I was getting sick a lot. It was a firsthand experience that your environment can be really important to your health." So Nusta's walls are coated with fume-free low-VOC paint (that's "volatile organic compounds"), and its air is thoroughly filtered.

Snowden tries to blend her focus on environmentally conscious policies with her clients' demands. "It doesn't matter how convenient it is, how pretty it is inside — if the service isn't good, they're not coming back," she says. Thus, you'll see decidedly non-natural cosmeceutical lines like MDSkincare and Skinceu-

ticals next to Laboratoires Daudet, a 100 percent-organic line heavy on the olive oil.

Some treatments just don't yet have analogous organic versions. "As far as I'm aware," says Snowden, "there's not a peel that's really effective and 100 percent organic, so there's going to be a cosmeceutical type of product."

Nusta's signature treatment is

“As far as I'm aware, there's not a peel that's really effective and 100 percent organic.”

the Interpretive Massage (\$110 for 50 minutes), developed by staffer Brad Drummer because he felt it was important to let therapists tailor treatment to their clients and their own strengths. It's a wonderfully bizarre combination of techniques ranging from Swedish to shiatsu to Thai to Brad's trade-

mark move — long, pulsing strokes, some of which traveled all the way from my ankle to my head.

Each massage varies by masseuse and recipient: Brad uses moments he calls “interpretive spaces” to read the client’s needs. On my end, the “interpretive spaces” mean going as limp as possible while Brad gently shakes various limbs, then massages them.

If you’re bashful, this is probably not the right treatment for you — even though I was completely draped, there were times when my knee was up around my shoulder or one of Brad’s hands was on my head and the other one on my ankle, stretching me like taffy. Instead of emerging in a stupefied daze, though, I left the table feeling invigorated and refreshed.

For a more intimate setting, try **DERMA HAIR CARE** (111 Rowell Court, Falls Church; 703-241-4004; dermahaircare.com), incongruously located in an office park. When owner/founder Honi Borden’s sons and husband began to develop mysterious skin irritations, she committed herself to finding green ways to help both her family and her clients. Derma Hair Care went from being just a hair-removal center (laser and electrolysis) to a company dedicated to treating the mind, body and soul.

What troubles Borden is that she can’t go entirely green. While “all products are as organic and chemical-free as possible” — from the soap in the bathroom to the USDA-certified organic cottonballs — she has to make compromises, especially in her hair-removal services. Razors must be disposable; the same for cleaning wipes (which are, however, unbleached). Maintaining hygiene is also an eco-obstacle: her paraffin wax foot treatment (\$20) uses individual booties to soften feet, rather than the typical communal vat of wax. “Here is the dilemma,” she says. “It’s not biodegradable, but it is sanitary. I do as much as I can do.”

Borden’s pride and joy is her Aqua Detox Body Detoxification (\$70). For a client’s first treatment, Borden sits companionably on the floor with a mug of tea. Your tired dogs go into a foot bath, into which Borden dumps in a handful of salt, then an electrical ... thingy. The idea is the negative ions of the salt water will go up into your body through your feet, bind with the tox-

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PlantLove Botanical Lipstick (\$20, Sephora) from **CARGO** is a trip: The tube is made out of corn and the box it comes in is made of flower seeds, so you can plant it. Really. The actual lipstick contains no petroleum. Wait ... so normal lipstick contains petroleum? Ugh.

PATKYA uses only certified organic ingredients in its shampoos, body washes and perfume, all of which are also made by hand. Our favorite is Hespéride (\$98, luileiny.com), a summery fragrance made with actual lime peels and a hint of lavender.

NATURE GIRL uses only organic, cruelty-free products from small farms. Its Eco-Chic salt scrub (\$38, nature-girl.com) comes in four scents — pink grapefruit, lavender, eucalyptus and ginger and orange. All leave your skin fresh and fragrant.

For those concerned about livestock and wildlife but who still want to look hot, **LUSH** produces (among other vegan formulations) Veganese conditioner (\$8, lush-usa.com), which contains no animal products and smells pleasantly lemony. **FIONA ZUBLIN (EXPRESS)**

ins in your body, then leave, again through the feet. At this point in the explanation, I was mentally rolling my eyes at the nice by obviously crazy lady. She fired up the machine, and the water started to change colors — first to a gunky brown, then black, then slimy green. Of course, the Amazing Technicolor Footbath didn’t convince me of much. But when I left, I had the same pleasant achiness that follows a deep-tissue massage. That night, a sudden burst of energy sent me into a cleaning frenzy, and I slept better than I had in recent memory.

For a touch of summer, the herbal spray-on tan (\$30 partial bod, \$55 total body), made of brown sugar, water and beet juice, gave me a healthy glow. It didn’t last as long as a chemical-ridden spray tan, however, and faded in about four days.

Splitting the difference between

the Nusta powerhouse and the family-feeling Derma Hair Care is **COMFORT AND JOY WELLNESS SPA** (9514-A Main Street, Fairfax; 703-425-8800; comfortjoy.com). For hair-

I was mentally rolling my eyes at the nice but obviously crazy lady.

styling, C&J uses not only organic shampoo and conditioner, but also EcoColors Hair Color. Nail treatments are all formaldehyde-free. “I wanted to offer services but without ingredients that some research has shown might not be healthy,” said owner Julie Smalfelt.

Her environmentalism extends

beyond the front room, which hawks organic tea and natural cosmetics. The spa triple-filters its water and even does its own laundry — Smalfelt couldn’t find a linen service that lived up to her standards.

I started with a Therapeutic Salt Glow (\$120 for 60 minutes; add a 30-minute version to another service for \$65). First your body gets a once-over with a dry brush. Then comes salt, mixed with organic plant and essential oils, which exfoliates all over. I was then given a robe (they also gave me a disposable bra and panty set; as a woman of generous bosom, I advise my big-busted sisters to just skip it) and hied my salt-encrusted self to the shower.

Next, I tried the Detoxifying Green Tea Ginger Seaweed Wrap (\$135), which began with green

mud and ended with another shower. Afterward, the winter dryness that’s plagued me since October was mercifully gone.

Rubs and wraps aside, the best part about all three spas was the people. The owners got into the green business for personal reasons that they’re passionate about. And passion translates into excellent service. **KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)**

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RETRO PERSPECTIVE: The architectural details of a 1940s colonial in American University Park drew recent home buyers Ingrid Smith and husband Gerardo Lapetina (holding year-old twins Cecelia and Charlie).

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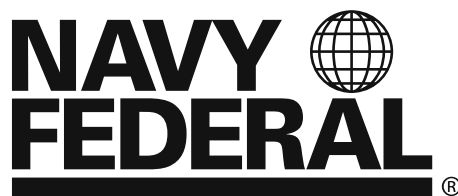


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OUTSIDE ANGLE: A large backyard—a common plus in older homes—appealed to Lapetina and Smith.

and the fixtures with wooden doors and the old fireplace.”

Rankin says many people are drawn to the quirks and details of older properties, from old-fashioned, columned porches to what some might consider “shabby chic” details.

“A 100-year-old home has a feeling and a soul that can’t be recreated

“We wanted something that had character and was different from the cookie cutter.”

INGRID SMITH, HOME OWNER

in new,” he says. “The worn threshold and century-old marble floors have a feeling that [a new home] doesn’t offer.”

But sometimes you’re also purchasing things you can’t see.

“If you have a bad inspector and you aren’t aware of problems, there can be standing water or termites,” says Susan Cleary, a Re/Max agent in Dunkirk, Md. “You won’t get those surprises with new construction.”

Cleary says a resale home often costs the buyer extra work, money, or both.

“With a resale, there’s typically something that has to be renovated or fixed or painted,” says Cleary. “There are additional funds that come out of your pocket.”

“I spent the whole weekend waiting for a plumber who never showed up,” says Smith. “The plumbing has problems. It’s one of the less romantic things about an older house.”

Jasmine Jackson, 38, and her husband found a different kind of allure in their newly constructed 4,300-square-foot home in Marlboro, Md. They loved the place’s open floor plan, with its huge kitchen and family room to accommodate their three children. They also liked the idea of making their own mark on it.

“We could choose what went into the house,” says Jackson. “That was a big plus for us. With an older home, if we wanted to change anything, it would take some work. But here, the

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certain nostalgia that comes with owning something with a past.

Like buying a car, purchasing a home means you can go for something brand new or a quaint resale. And deciding which kind of property is right for you can be as vexing as the choice between a 2008 Beamer or a 2-year-old Dodge minivan.

“Whether it’s a new or existing home, they all offer so many different options,” says Michael Rankin, managing partner with Tutt, Taylor and Rankin, Sotheby’s International Realty, which has offices in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. “The buyer needs to spend time going through the different options and how they work for their lifestyle,” she says. “They should think about their day-to-day, and then review the pros and cons.”

That’s just what 38-year-old Ingrid Smith and her husband, 35-

year-old Gerardo Lapetina, did during their recent house search.

They spent a year looking for the right place to live, and finally found it in a 1940s red brick Colonial situated in American University Park, in Northwest D.C.

“We looked at a couple of new homes within range of downtown D.C., but they were out of our price range,” says Smith. “And they weren’t that interesting. They were big, but almost too big. It’s too much to clean.”

Smith and her husband wanted a place with plenty of space for their two large dogs and 1-year-old twins, Charlie and Cecelia, to grow and play. They had moved from an 850-square-foot apartment in a personality-filled Victorian building in Brooklyn, N.Y., late last year. They craved D.C. digs with similar bones and charm.

“We wanted something that had character and was different than the cookie cutter,” she says. “We love the details of our home, the side-entry



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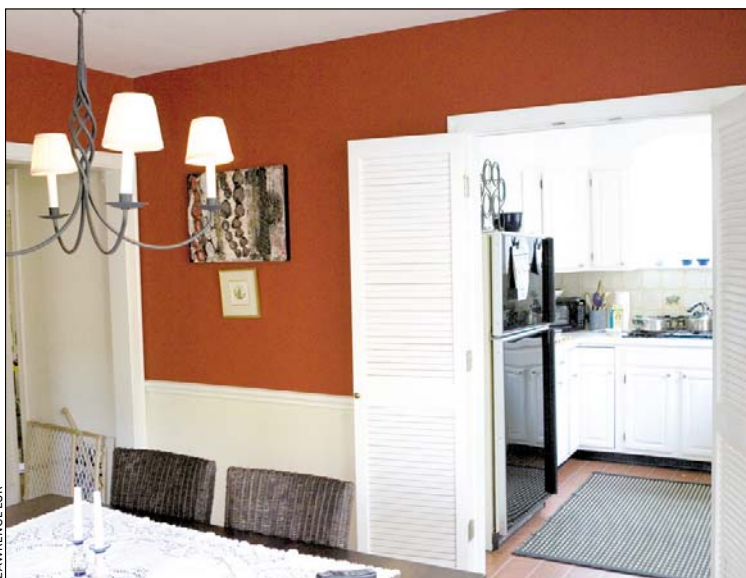
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Smith and Lapetina's '40s house has smaller rooms than newer properties would.

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countertops and colors and flooring ... we could choose everything."

Location is also a consideration when choosing old versus new. Would you rather see the glow of Starbucks or an unobstructed view of Saturn? New construction homes are plentiful, but may not be near the Metro or the school district you want. And many resales have better lots with mature landscaping. Yet some buyers crave the creativity of planting a new yard.

Jackson says her family is enjoying their new digs. "This particular community offers tennis and swimming. It has a community center with a weight room, and restaurant area, and trails for hiking and biking," she says. "There's lots for the children to do. It's family friendly."

We could choose

what went into our house...countertops and colors. That was a big plus."

JASMINE JACKSON, HOME OWNER

In a resale situation, you may be able to purchase a property for below market value, which gives you instant equity. New construction sells for the value of the home, with no haggling over price generally allowed. But that doesn't mean you can't wheel and deal on a new



Old-fashioned details like this wooden banister give the couple's house style.

home, especially in a softer market. "Builders are giving incentives to try to entice buyers," Cleary says. "It's easier for them to give incentives, where as a homeowner is taking profits out of his pocket when they cut a deal."

Timing is also a factor in whether you choose an existing home or a new one.

"You can be in a resale in 30 days, but a lot of time with new construction it takes six to 12 months," says Cleary. Yeah, that penthouse condo looks good in the brochure, but if you need somewhere to live pronto, it's not going to work.

Like cars, every house has a personality, and many factors go into whether you go for a sparkling new loft or that fixer-upper Victorian. Unlike cars, it's not a good idea to kick the foundation before deciding to buy. It's just too hard to move in when you're on crutches. LYNN THORNE

It's All in the Timing

House hunters weigh whether to buy now or wait until later

When Ellen Krouss went shopping for her first home late last year, she experienced love at first sight.

"I walked in and said, 'Oh my God, this is it!,'" she says, recalling when she first saw the one-bedroom condo in Kalorama, near the apartment she was then renting. "The size was what I wanted, the location was ideal. And it had so much character," she says. "I loved the hardwood floors and the built-in shelves in the kitchen."

The 33-year-old works in sales in the D.C. office of Convio, a small Austin-based software group. While renting an apartment in the 'hood north of Dupont Circle for a year and half, she had been pondering buying a place, but wasn't sure the



DECKING HER HALLS: Since she bought her one-bedroom condo in D.C.'s Kalorama neighborhood earlier this year, Ellen Krouss has been enjoying furnishing it. She's added personal touches like artwork and bright, spice route hues on the walls.

timing was right. On a whim, she went with a real estate agent to see a few properties for sale nearby and struck it lucky. Krouss closed on her new condo in January.

Experts say that, despite the ballyhooed downturn in the market, Krouss isn't alone. "I've seen a big uptick in activity over the last few months," says Katie Wethman

“It had so much character. I loved the hardwood floors and the shelves in the kitchen.”

ELLEN KROUSS, CONDO BUYER

of Long & Foster, McLean. "Some of it is weather-related, but some people have waited a long time for this opportunity. The recent volatile market may have spurred them to think their window may be closing."

Industry insiders say the rising interest rates over the past two to three years, especially adjustable mortgage rates, affected the housing

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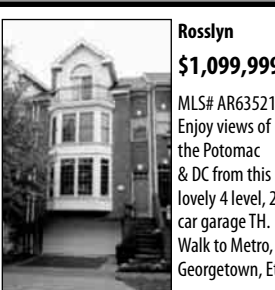
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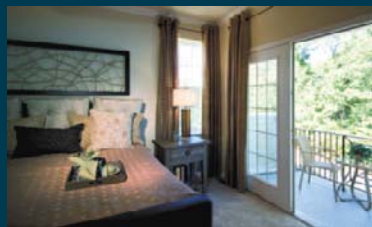
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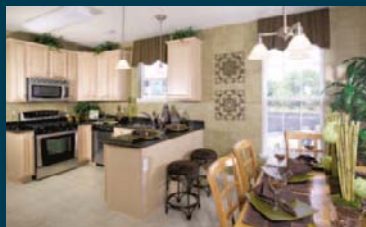


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Dan Pautler lives in a rental townhouse in Springfield with roommates. He wants to wait to buy until he has saved a downpayment and the market has stabilized.

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sector negatively. But Amy Crews Cutts, deputy chief economist at Freddie Mac, also says the recent changeability of the stock market helped stabilize the slower housing market.

"It pushed the 30-year-fixed mortgage rates to near 6 percent," she says. "Because of this easing, we

believe the housing market (as measured by housing starts and home sales) is nearing the bottom of this cycle, provided the Fed is not compelled to start raising interest rates again in the near future."

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WAITING GAME: Dan Pautler is renting a townhouse with two roommates while he ponders buying property.

could get into them using low introductory payment incentives like negatively amortizing mortgage products. Many of them are now one \$500 disaster (like a broken water heater) away from defaulting on their mortgage."

But renting also has drawbacks, like rent increases. Wethman teaches a class for first-time home buyers in Arlington County. "Buyers I work with who are close in, in Arlington, Alexandria or D.C., say their rents have gone up between five and 30 percent in the past year."

I don't know if the market has gone down as much as it will. I don't want to be locked in."

DAN PAUTLER, RENTER

Wethman says that trend is likely to continue. D.C. is a transient area and people just moving here may not be ready to buy, so they often lease instead. That means demand for rental properties is up. To make it worse, supply has decreased because many apartments have recently converted to condos or co-ops. Rents also increase with inflation. All of those factors may mean renters aren't going to get as much for their money if they postpone purchasing.

Crews Cutts says part of the decision of whether to buy now or wait should be based on how long you plan to own.

"Presumably anyone looking to buy a home today is planning to live there or rent it out for many years to come," she says. "On that basis, what matters is getting good value for the money, in a location that provides the amenities the buyer wants and that is affordable to the buyer."

First-time homeowner Krouss says no matter what happens to the market, she's glad she took the plunge when she did.

"I looked at this as a long-term investment and I'll keep it as a rental whenever I move out," she says. "The neighborhood is so great, and I felt this would always have value in some way." LYNN THORNE

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tion to low interest rates, there's a larger supply of homes on the market than in recent years. Perhaps more importantly, buyers can take a bit more time before making an offer.

"Several years ago, a house sold in three days or less," says Wethman. "Now about half the listings that sell in any given month have been on the market less than 30 days. Having to make a decision in 30 days is a lot better than deciding in two days."

But there are also potential benefits to waiting. Interest rates could drop a bit more. Warmer weather typically brings more houses on the market, so buyers have even more to choose from. And there's always the chance that prices will fall even further. Those possibilities have 28-year-old Dan Pautler biding his time.

"I don't know if the market has

gone down as much as everyone says it will, as much as I think it will. If anything, I'm fearful it will remain level," says the insurance agent. "I don't want to be locked in to something if it won't appreciate."

Single, Pautler rents a Springfield apartment with two roommates. He considered buying, but was shocked at how little he could afford in the D.C. area.

"I could pay for half a home somewhere else," he says. "It blows my mind that, for \$300,000, I could get a two-bedroom, two-bath condo here, where somewhere else I could get a four-bedroom home."

Pautler says he will continue to rent until he feels he can meet his savings goals and still have expendable income. That's not a bad thing, say the experts.

"Too many people got caught in the hype of, 'You can't lose in real estate but you can lose out,' and bought homes they could not actually afford at market interest rates," says Crews Cutts. "But they



DECOR SCORE: Ellen Krouss combined new and old furnishings in her Kalorama condo. "The apartment has certainly brought out my creative side," she says.



Michele and Scott Lyons and daughter Calla in front of the Columbia Heights row-house they bought after more than a year of looking for a place to purchase in D.C.

The House Smarties

Real-estate pros and new owners divulge home-buying hints

Closing costs. Escalation clauses. Softening markets. Hardened sellers. If you're a first-time home-buyer, it helps to be able to speak real estate-ese. It also helps to hear what pros and other recent buyers have learned. We asked several in-the-know sources, from a seasoned Realtor to young home buyers, for their advice on what you should

know before plunging into the home-hunting maelstrom.

The Buyers

For Michele and Scott Lyons, finding their first home was a bit like looking for love. They briefly flirted with \$500,000 condos in Dupont Circle, but realized they could get more for their bucks if they explored options in other parts of the city.

Infatuation set in when they found an old church near the U Street in November 2005, but it faded quickly. The property didn't have a bathtub or much of a kitchen, so it would have required a commercial loan (with a higher interest

rate), plus thousands of dollars to bring the building up to code.

They put their hearts on the line in early 2006 when they made an offer on a Columbia Heights house they now call the "Leaning Tower on Spring Street." They probably knew the house wasn't a good match: The structural damage was so bad Scott said the uneven floors and doorways made it feel like being on a boat. But like many first-timers, their anxiety at potentially being left behind trumped their common sense. "The fear was if we didn't get in then, we were never going to get in," said Scott, 30, a lawyer with the American Society of International Law. Their contract only fell through because they couldn't get the warped property insured.

Demoralized, they took a break from the search until fall 2006. The

market had changed drastically during their nine-month hiatus and they were able to find many more places in their price range as they trolled through online MLS

They made an offer on a house they now call the "Leaning Tower on Spring Street."

listings on ZipRealty.com. They made unsuccessful offers on two properties before finding the three-bedroom house with a big backyard they now call home for their

5-month-old daughter Calla.

Negotiations on this house were complicated. An inspector uncovered minor structural damage in this house as well, but it was far more manageable than the Leaning Tower so she decided to proceed and asked for \$19,000 off the price.

An attorney with the Justice Department's antitrust division, Michele knew that some real estate agents agree to give buyers a percentage of their commission back after the sale. Since they didn't have a strong recommendation for an agent, they decided to go with one who advertised that he would give them some of the commission back. The agent gave them \$2,000 back after closing.

But because they didn't know the agent well, they clashed with

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KITCHEN CONFIDENTIAL: New appliances, low condo fees and a homey feel drew Amanda Glazebrook to her Alexandria townhouse, which she closed on March 9.

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him over negotiations. The agent, who gets a bigger commission on a higher sale price, advised the Lyonses to accept \$5,000, instead of the \$19,000 they'd requested. "I really had to stand up to my own real estate agent," says Michele. The seller eventually knocked \$17,000 off the price, but only because Scott and Michele were prepared to walk away from the deal.

Big-decision paranoia sets in with most home buyers, but first-timers have an especially acute case. "It's not like renting, where you can bail out," says Amanda Glazebrook, a 26-year-old geospatial engineer who closed on her Alexandria condo March 9. "You can't bail out of a house — not without losing a lot of money — and that was pretty intimidating for me."

The two-level, townhouse-style condo Glazebrook purchased was actually the first property she looked

at. But she did slog through 15 other prospective homes before making an offer. Going to extra open houses gave Glazebrook a chance to figure out what she really wanted. "I looked at a lot of condos that were in high-rises, and a couple of those were attractive," she says. "But when it came down to it, [this condo] had that home feel rather than the apartment feel."

Besides the condo's new appliances, walk-in closet and red door, Glazebrook was also attracted to its relatively low condo fees; at \$239 a month, they're less than half of the fees at other places she looked. "The condo fee is what got me in the end. When I called my mortgage company, the condo fee would make a lesser-valued condo actually more as far as a mortgage," she says. "And you're not getting any tax deduction."

Looking back, Glazebrook says she should have paid more attention during her home inspection. Her inspector caught a few structural

flaws, but he missed some biggies: The hot and cold water lines were reversed on her washer and dryer, and her bedroom door doesn't close. Now that she's in, she'll have to pay a contractor to fix both problems.

"I really blew through that guy not really thinking it was a big deal," she said. Her condo was recently converted and had never been

shiny appliances, but it could save time and money in the long run.

That hassle aside, Glazebrook couldn't be happier with her decision to buy. "I've gone through so many years of renting," she says. "It's a relaxing feeling to be able to go home and know it's yours and know you're not going to move in another year."

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AMANDA GLAZEBROOK, NEW CONDO OWNER

lived in, so she didn't think anything could possibly be wrong.

"You get so exhausted in the process" of looking at houses and negotiating and amending contracts and that you overlook things like this, she says. She advises prospective buyers to check "all the things that you think are redundant to check." It's not as much fun as admiring the

The Gurus

About a year ago, real estate investor Sasha Mehra and real estate agent and settlement attorney Noreen Qureshi decided to bring their know-how to the masses in the form of a class called "Smart Homebuying: Buying Property in Washington, D.C." (The next class is May 12; for information see

takeaclass.org.)

The two-hour seminar covers making the decision to buy, selecting an agent, looking for homes, financing, writing a good contract and the settlement process.

Mehra and Qureshi want to make sure first time home buyers are equipped with the tools to ward off predatory parties. "Folks should be educated because then they'll be empowered to understand the transaction and not be so dependent on the information they're getting from outside sources," says Qureshi, 31.

Financing is perhaps the trickiest part of the equation. "Shopping for a home is half the battle," says Mehra. "Shopping for a mortgage is basically just as important." Mehra and Qureshi advise home buyers to look closely at what they can afford: Buying more home than you can afford is a dangerous risk.

Even the shopping process is tricky for first-timers. "Sometimes, prospective home buyers are willing to gloss over things because they now have an emotional attachment to property that they are going to put an offer on," says Mehra, 31.

Take condo documents, for example. You only get three days to review them before deciding whether to go for a property. Some buyers assume there's nothing important in that boring stack of papers. But condo docs can reveal an upcoming heater or roof replacement that might end up costing \$400 more a month in condo fees, a deal breaker for most first-timers.

Qureshi and Mehra also advise their students and consulting clients to look into nonprofit organizations like ACORN and city and county governments who offer tax incentives to first-timers who buy in their districts.

Many first-timers worry about whether this is the "right time to buy." Before she bought her first home, Mehra remembers being intimidated by all the chatter at her gym about escalating costs. "Nobody can predict the market," she says. "But what you can do is do your research and comparison shop. Every weekend, I'm at an open house. I think it's really important to know what else is out there."

The Realtor

Brian Logan has been in the real-estate biz since 1972, and even though he doesn't deal personally

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IN THE KNOW: Looking for a home with the help of a Realtor gives you insight into the volatile market and knowledge about houses that may not even be built yet.

with as many first-time home buyers as he used to, 20 to 25 percent of his firm's buying clients are seeking their first place either in the District or the close-in suburbs.

Logan, 60, advises newbies to spend some time sifting through listings on the Multiple Listing Service (MLS) to get a feel for what they can afford in neighborhoods they like. "Real estate is an investment, but it's also and more importantly a home," he says. "Location is a very important aspect of that. You want a location that you're going to feel comfortable in."

But clicking through a few online listings and ogling photos of townhouses doesn't make you an expert. That's why Logan recommends working with a Realtor, who can help sift through properties for sale — and teach you a bit about the business in the process. "A first-time buyer or a buyer who's not looking at houses as a piece of merchandise every day, they get carried away with the decorating or the ambiance and they're not looking at the important things," he says.

Experienced agents know whether a property is a good value in a certain neighborhood. They know whether a fixer-upper's quirky charms will hold up on resale. And since they trek through six or seven properties a day, agents also have a

good eye for structural defects that could cause the owners big financial problems down the road.

The complicated negotiating process can paralyze some first-time property purchasers. "People get so wrapped up in trying to get

“People get so wrapped up in trying to get the lowest price that they let a good value go by.”

BRIAN LOGAN, REALTOR

the lowest possible price or the best possible deal that they let a good value or a good property go by," says Logan.

Financing is another stumbling block. Logan advises sitting down with a loan officer from a reputable company who will go over financing options and pre-approve you for a loan, so you "know how much you have in your pocket to spend" while shopping around, he says.

Today's cooler market is a boon for would-be buyers. "It gives you a chance to reflect on different houses," Logan says. "You're not being herded through like cattle."

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